



City of North Miami Beach, Florida

Office of the City Manager

TO: The Honorable Mayor & Commission

FROM: Arthur H. Sorey, III, City Manager

DATE: Tuesday, September 21, 2021

SUBJECT: **SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL**

Sister Cities International (SCI) is a nonpartisan 501(c)(3) nonprofit which serves as the national membership organization for individual sister cities, counties, and states across the United States. This network unites tens of thousands of citizen diplomats and volunteers in nearly 500 member communities with over 2,000 partnerships in more than 140 countries. Sister city relationships develop from a number of sources such as preexisting mayoral relationships, trade relationships, historical connections, ancestral/demographic connections, expatriate communities, shared geographic/sector challenges, faith-based groups, and personal experiences.

As of Monday, August 30, 2021, the City of North Miami Beach is an active member of SCI.

General Guidelines

- In order for a sister city/county/state partnership to be recognized by SCI the two communities must sign formal documents which clearly endorse the link.
- These documents can be a commission resolution or a memorandum of understanding.
- Following the steps above, both communities may enter into a cooperative agreement.
- SCI often refers to these agreements as a "Sister City Agreement."
- The cooperative agreement must be sent by the Mayor/County Executive/Governor of the requesting community and must be sent to the Mayor/County Executive/Governor of each of the existing partnership communities.
- SCI will help with the cooperative agreement process.
- Each city's sister city program is independent and can impose other requirements.