

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, EXTENDING AN INVITATION TO THE CITY OF LAAYOUNE, IN THE LAAYOUNE-SAKIA EL HAMRA REGION, MOROCCO, TO BECOME A SISTER CITY AND INVITING THE PEOPLE OF LAAYOUNE, MOROCCO TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Sister City program was initiated by the President of the United States in 1956 to establish greater friendship and understanding between the peoples of the United States and other nations through the medium of direct personal contact; and

WHEREAS, all succeeding United States Presidents have endorsed the concept for the broad purposes of the exchange of ideas and people between the citizens of the United States of America and the peoples of other nations; and

WHEREAS, to implement this concept, Sister Cities International requested the City and other communities in the United States affiliate with cities in other nations of similar characteristics and mutual interests; and

WHEREAS, the following cities are Sister Cities with the City:

1. City of Guatemala, Guatemala
2. City of Herzliya, Israel
3. City of Romorantin, France
4. City of Vlora, Albania
5. City of Ciudad De La Costa, Uruguay
6. City of Baia Mare, Romania
7. City of Lecheria, Venezuela
8. City of Higuey-Punta Cana, Dominican Republic ; and

WHEREAS, the City, through its City Commission, recognizes and endorses a Sister City relationship with the hope that it will lead to a lasting friendship between the people of the City of Hollywood and the City of Laayoune, in the Laayoune-Sakia, El Hamra Region, Morocco.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated in this Resolution.

Section 2: That the City Commission, on behalf of the people of the City, extends an invitation to the government and people of Laayoune, Morocco, to participate with the City of Hollywood as its Sister City for the purpose of creating greater mutual understanding between the peoples of our two great cities and nations.

Section 3: That the Mayor is authorized to act as the official representative on behalf of the City of Hollywood and to take all measures to carry out the aims of this program.

Section 4: That the City Clerk is directed to send certified copies of this Resolution to the members of the governing body of the City of Laayoune, in the Laayoune-Sakia, El Hamra Region, Morocco, Sister Cities International, the Embassy of Morocco in the United States, and the United States Embassy in Morocco.

Section 5: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2023.

JOSH LEVY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PATRICIA A. CERNY, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DOUGLAS R. GONZALES
CITY ATTORNEY