

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Natasha Colebrook-Williams, Chief of Staff *NCW*

Date: August 27, 2019

RE: SISTER CITY AFFILIATION WITH THE CITY OF CROIX-DES-BOUQUETS,
HAITI THROUGH THE SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Mayor and City Council approve the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager and City Attorney to negotiate and execute all necessary documents to effectuate said Sister City Affiliation between the city of North Miami and Croix-Des-Bouquets, Haiti.

BACKGROUND

Sister Cities International (SCI) is a national organization that works to create global relationships based on cultural, educational, information and trade exchanges. The city of North Miami is an active member of SCI. The Sister City program/agreement is a broad-based, long-term partnership between two communities in two countries. The relationship is officially recognized after the highest elected or appointed official from both communities sign off on an agreement to become sister cities.

Croix-des-Bouquets is a northern suburb in the Port-au-Prince area. The Republic of Haiti is world-famous for its lively art that is influenced by nature, history, and religion. Croix-des-Bouquets in particular is recognized for its stunning metal art and iron sculptures. Through a sister city relationship, both cities would commit to support and encourage opportunities for mutually beneficial practical exchanges.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, APPROVING A “SISTER CITY” AFFILIATION WITH THE CITY OF CROIX-DES-BOUQUETS, HAITI THROUGH THE SISTER CITIES PROGRAM; FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS TO EFFECTUATE SAID “SISTER CITY” AFFILIATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Sister City Program (“Program”) is administered by Sister Cities International (“SCI”) and was initiated in 1956 to encourage greater friendship and understanding between cities located within the United States and other national cities through direct contact; and

WHEREAS, the Program strives to build global cooperation at the municipal level, encourage cultural understanding and stimulate economic development; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the Program promotes peace through mutual respect, understanding and cooperation through one individual, one community at a time; and

WHEREAS, common ties of mutual interests exist between the City of Croix-Des-Bouquets, Haiti and the City of North Miami (“City”); and

WHEREAS, the exchange of said interests and cultures by the mutual establishment of a “Sister City” relationship with Croix-Des-Bouquets, Haiti, will enhance the City and its residents; and

WHEREAS, under the “Sister City” relationship, both cities commit to support and encourage opportunities for mutually beneficial practical exchanges in the fields of business, arts, culture, education, sports, and tourism.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find the establishment of a “Sister City” affiliation with Croix-Des-Bouquets, Haiti, to be in the best interest of the City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Approval of “Sister City” Affiliation. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida hereby approve the establishment of a “Sister City” affiliation with the City of Croix-Des-Bouquets, Haiti.

Section 2. Authority of City Manager and City Attorney. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to negotiate and execute all necessary documents to effectuate said “Sister City” affiliation.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a _____ vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this ____ day of _____, 2019.

PHILIPPE BIEN-AIME
MAYOR

ATTEST:

VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILWOMAN MARY ESTIMÉ-IRVIN

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Vote:

Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Vice Mayor Carol Keys, Esq.	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilman Scott Galvin	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilman Alix Desulme, Ph.Ed.	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)