

**SISTER CITY PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY OF CLEARWATER,  
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AND THE CITY OF IXMIQUILPAN, OF THE STATE OF HIDALGO OF THE  
UNITED MEXICAN STATES**

The City of Clearwater, of the State of Florida, of the United States of America and the City of Ixmiquilpan, of the State of Hidalgo of the United Mexican States, hereinafter "the Participants";

**WHEREAS**, the Sister City program, administered by Sister Cities International ("SCI"), was initiated by the president of the United States of America in 1956 to encourage greater friendship and understanding between the United States and other nations through direct personal contact;

**WHEREAS** the Participants, their elected officials, and their citizens can collaborate internationally through organizations such as SCI and city-to-city relationships;

**WHEREAS**, the Participants strive to build global cooperation at the municipal level, encourage cultural understanding, and stimulate economic development;

**WHEREAS**, the Participants, wish to promote international goodwill, cultural understanding, and expanded business relations between the two cities and their respective nations through the professional, cultural, and/or academic exchange of people, ideas, and information;

**WHEREAS**, the exchange of interests and cultures by the mutual relationship of a Sister City relationship will be mutually beneficial to the Participants and its communities;

**WHEREAS**, on July 28, 2022, the City of Clearwater Sister Cities Advisory Board unanimously indicated their support for the establishment of a new Sister Cities partnership between Clearwater and Ixmiquilpan, Mexico;

**WHEREAS**, on September 1, 2022, the City Council approved Resolution No. 22-18, which demonstrated the commitment of the City of Clearwater to develop a Sister Cities relationship with the City of Ixmiquilpan, Mexico;

**WHEREAS**, since the approval of Resolution No. 22-18, representatives from the Participants have developed a Sister Cities Partnership;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that the establishment of a Sister City Partnership with the City of Ixmiquilpan, Mexico to be in the best interest of the City of Clearwater.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Participants have declared the following purposes:

1. to promote and expand the effective and mutually beneficial cooperation between the communities of the Participants;
2. to promote international goodwill, cultural understanding, and expanded business relations between the Participants and their respective communities through the professional, cultural, and/or academic exchange of people, ideas, and information in a wide variety of economic, social, cultural, municipal, environmental, professional, technical, youth, and other endeavors;
3. to foster and encourage charitable, scientific, trade and commerce, literacy and educational activities between the Participants.

For the execution of the aforementioned purposes, the Participants intend to conclude the appropriate legal instrument.

Signed in Clearwater, Florida, on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, of 2023, in duplicate, in the Spanish and English languages.

**FOR THE CITY OF CLEARWATER, OF  
THE STATE OF FLORIDA OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

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UNITED MEXICAN STATES**

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