

RESOLUTION NO. 22-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA, DEMONSTRATING THE COMMITMENT OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER TO DEVELOP A SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP WITH IXMIQUILPAN, MEXICO; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Sister Cities International (“SCI”) was founded as a Presidential initiative by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on September 11, 1956 to create more community-led global relationships;

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

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

WHEREAS, the City of Clearwater, Florida and the City of Ixmiquilpan, Mexico wish to promote international goodwill, cultural understanding, and expanded business relations between the two cities and their respective nations through the exchange of people, ideas, and information;

WHEREAS, the exchange of said interests and cultures by the mutual relationship of a Sister City relationship with Ixmiquilpan, Mexico will enhance the City of Clearwater and its residents;

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That the appropriate officials and city staff of the City of Clearwater, Florida shall attempt to develop a Sister Cities Partnership Agreement with the City of Ixmiquilpan, Mexico.

Section 2. That city staff identifies themes, common to both cities, that can generate new programs, exchanges, and initiatives to further and nurture the relationship between Clearwater and Ixmiquilpan.

Section 3. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to record this Resolution in the Public Records of Pinellas County, Florida.

Section 4. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of September, 2022.

CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA

By: _____
Frank V. Hibbard
Mayor

Approved as to form:

Attest:

Owen Kohler
Lead Assistant City Attorney

Rosemarie Call
City Clerk