

INTRODUCED BY COMMISSIONER JAMES S. LINDSLEY

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, EXTENDING AN INVITATION TO THE CITY OF AVILES, SPAIN, TO BECOME A SISTER-CITY IN THE PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE PROGRAM AND INVITING THE PEOPLE OF AVILES TO PARTICIPATE IN SAID PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the "People-to-People Program" was established by the President of the United States at the White House 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, to implement this program, the City of St. Augustine, Florida, and other cities in the United States have been requested by the American Municipal Association to affiliate with a city abroad of similar characteristics and mutual interest; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Augustine, Florida, through its City Commission does recognize and endorse this program with the hope that it will lead to a lasting friendship between the people of the City of St. Augustine, Florida, and the City of Aviles, Spain.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the City Commission, on behalf of the people of the City of St. Augustine, Florida, hereby extends an invitation to the Government and people of the City of Aviles, Spain, to participate with the City of St. Augustine, Florida, as its Sister-City in the "People-to-People Program" for the purpose of creating goodwill and understanding between people of our two great nations.

SECTION 2. The Mayor-Commissioner is hereby authorized to act as official representative of the City of St. Augustine, Florida, to carry out this program.

SECTION 3. That copies of this Resolution are to be sent to the Mayor and Council of the City of Aviles, Spain, the American Municipal Association, the United States Department of State, and the Embassy of Spain.

ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, Florida, this 10th day of July, A. D., 1967.



Mayor-Commissioner

ATTEST:



City Auditor and Clerk

Sister City Agreement

between

St. Augustine, Florida, United States of America

and

Aviles, Principality of Asturias, Spain

Guided by their wish to contribute jointly in deepening the good will and mutual trust between the peoples of St. Augustine, Florida, United States of America and Aviles, Principality of Asturias, Spain, and

Giving thoughtful attention and due consideration to their peoples respective lives and cultures, and

Recognizing that the expansion of the Sister City relationship will create new opportunities and further develop cooperation between the City of St. Augustine and the City of Aviles,

The Cities of St. Augustine and Aviles have agreed through friendly consultations and discussions to:

- Reconfirm the status of Sister Cities between the City of St. Augustine and the City of Aviles in order to extend their mutual understanding and friendship, increase their citizens' quality of life, and promote peace and democracy.

- Build cooperative friendships and conduct agreed exchanges in the fields of:

Trade & Investment
High Technology & Science
Environmental Protection
Sports and Tourism Promotion

Academic & Cultural Exchanges
Historic Preservation
Artistic Exchange
Municipal Economic Development

- Establish direct liaisons between the government administrations and public agencies, cultural and academic institutions, chambers of commerce, companies and organizations that can best support the Sister City relationship.

- Coordinate regular exchanges of cultural and business delegations for the purpose of solidifying and extending the existing friendship and cooperation between the entities.

- Draft a plan of work, which will be updated periodically with the goal of formalizing ties of friendship and cooperation, contributing to the peace and development of their nations, in the spirit of new global economic collaboration.


Thus stated, the Cities of St. Augustine and Aviles enter this agreement on the 26th day of February, 2000. Change or adaptation of this agreement must be accepted and understood by both parties. The Keepers of this Agreement will be recognized as:

City of St. Augustine


Len Weeks
Mayor



City of Aviles


Santiago Rodriguez Vega
Mayor

