



Office of the Mayor and City Commission  
City of Fort Lauderdale

DECLARATION  
of  
Official Sister Cities Status  
between  
Venice, Italy  
and  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida, United States of America

WHEREAS, the people of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, United States of America and the City of Venice, Italy, do mutually agree to establish a Sister City relationship to deepen friendship, share culture, and promote economic trade and tourism between their cities and countries, and to develop a permanent bond between them; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this relationship is to contribute to the development of both governing areas by establishing programs in International Business, Tourism, Sports, Medicine, Education, and the sharing of Information Technology; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this relationship is to further friendship among all peoples, promote humanitarian projects and contribute to the progression of their marine industries and the protection of the environment;

NOW, WHEREFORE, the jurisdictional areas of Fort Lauderdale, Florida and Venice, Italy, in the spirit of Sister Cities International, by and through their duly elected representatives:

Do Believe that this relationship will allow, through mutual exchanges, the establishment of new common relationships with other cities in the world in order to promote economic development and unlimited exchanges of their cultures among all people everywhere;

Do Assure mutual support for organizing and developing shared experience and common activities as part of the Sister Cities relationship based on the direction set forth in this Declaration;

Do Proclaim that the cities of Fort Lauderdale and Venice intend in this way to make their contribution to the cause of world peace and to the development of friendly relations between the peoples of these two jurisdictional areas; and

Do Acknowledge that this Declaration of Official Sister Cities status is to become part of the permanent records and documents of the cities of Fort Lauderdale and Venice;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, on May 13, in the year 2007 Fort Lauderdale, Florida, United States of America, we, Massimo Cacciari, Mayor of Venice, Italy, and Jim Naugle, Mayor of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on behalf of each of our cities have affixed our signatures and seals to this Declaration.

Honorable Mayor Massimo Cacciari  
Venice, Italy

Honorable Mayor Jim Naugle  
City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida  
United States of America

Acknowledged and Affirmed by the Representatives of Sister Cities International  
who have affixed their respective signatures below

Niccía McCormick, Chairman Emeritus  
Greater Fort Lauderdale Sister Cities  
International, Inc.



Steve P. Nijmoli, President  
Greater Fort Lauderdale Sister Cities  
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