Sister City Agreement

Declaration of Intent
Between the Cities of

Orlando, Florida, United States of America
and
Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico

Considering that:

- The cities of Orlando and Monterrey recognize a mutual interest in the North American Free Trade Agreement, to establish structures that facilitate an international cooperation, economic development and positive contribution to their respective cities.

- Various and previous meetings have expressed a strong understanding between the communities and identified the main sectors of cooperation.

- Both cities demonstrate a mutual interest in working together, focusing in the areas of urban development, environmental protection and business exchange.

- The will of Orlando and Monterrey is to develop a cooperation in order to secure their future economic development.

- Both cities, taking into account the considerations listed above, recognize that it is in their mutual interests to work together.

With this agreement, the cities of Orlando and Monterrey declare their intentions:

1. To exchange economic missions with the support of governmental offices, institutions, organizations and chambers of commerce and industry that may be best able to assist in the organization of said missions.

2. To proceed with exchanges between their administrations, in areas of competence, beginning with economic development, environmental preservation and urban development.

3. To stimulate academic, technological and scientific exchanges between regional universities.

4. To stimulate cultural and sports exchanges between the diverse, corresponding institutions. Said institutions would be responsible for the negotiation, signing and implementation of their appropriate cooperation agreements.

5. To elaborate an annual plan of work with the goal of formalizing ties of friendship and cooperation, contributing to the peace and development of their nations, in the spirit of the new global economic conformation.

Glenda E. Hood
Mayor of Orlando

Jesus Hinojosa Tijerina
President, Municipality of Monterrey

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Martin Torres
Consul of Mexico

Signed in Orlando, Florida, the 20th of July, 1995
in equivalent copies of English and Spanish.