

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-3319**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE REGION OF CHETUMAL, QUINTANA ROO, MEXICO TO PROMOTE EDUCATIONAL, INFORMATIONAL, CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC EXCHANGES; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Surfside (the "Town") desires to establish a sister city relationship with the Chetumal, Quintana Roo, Mexico as a sister city to the Town in order to promote educational, informational, cultural, and economic exchange between the Town and the Region of Chetumal, Quintana Roo, Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, Chetumal, Quintana Roo, Mexico, is a city with a rich cultural heritage, historical significance, and a commitment to fostering international cooperation; and

**WHEREAS**, such a partnership will enhance community engagement, provide opportunities for collaboration in areas such as education, business, and tourism, and contribute to the broader goals of global understanding and goodwill;

**WHEREAS**, Chetumal, Quintana Roo, Mexico, is strategically located on the southeastern coast of the Yucatán Peninsula, adjacent to the Caribbean Sea, and serves as the capital of the state of Quintana Roo; and

**WHEREAS**, Chetumal's location at the crossroads of major trade routes and its proximity to the vibrant tourist destinations of the Mexican Caribbean make it a key hub for economic and cultural exchange; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Commission finds that it is in the best interests of the Town to establish a sister city relationship with Chetumal, Quintana Roo, Mexico as a sister city to the Town.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Recitals.** The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 2. Establishment of Sister City.** The Town Commission hereby establishes a sister city relationship with Chetumal, Quintana Roo, Mexico as a sister city to the Town of Surfside, Florida to promote educational, informational, cultural and economic exchanges.

**Section 3. Implementation.** The Town Mayor and Town Officials are hereby authorized to take any and all actions which are necessary to implement the purposes of this Resolution, including authorizing the Town Mayor to execute any appropriate agreements, as necessary, subject to approval as to form and legal sufficiency by the Town Attorney.

**Section 3. Expenditure of Funds.** The Town Mayor and Town Officials are hereby authorized to expend funds not to exceed \$5,000 to implement the purposes of this Resolution. Any expenditure over such amount shall require Town Commission approval.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of September 2024.

Motion By: Commissioner Velasquez

Second By: Vice Mayor Paul

**FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION:**

Commissioner Ruben A. Coto	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Nelly Velasquez	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Gerardo Vildostegui	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Tina Paul	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Charles W. Burkett	<u>Yes</u>

**ATTEST:**

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Sandra N. McCready, MMC  
Town Clerk



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Charles W. Burkett, Mayor

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE ONLY:**

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Mark Blumstein  
Town Attorney