



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#25-0650

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: June 17, 2025

TITLE: Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the City of Iloilo, Philippines to Establish a Sister City Relationship - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Commission approve and adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the City of Iloilo, Philippines to establish a Sister City relationship.

Background

The Sister City program in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is managed by Greater Fort Lauderdale Sister Cities International, Inc. (GFLSCI), with support provided by the City. GFLSCI is a nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering citizen diplomacy and building partnerships between Fort Lauderdale and international communities. Established to promote global cooperation at the municipal level, GFLSCI's mission is to enhance cultural understanding, humanitarian initiatives, and economic development through long-term programs that benefit both Fort Lauderdale and its sister cities.

The program traces its roots to the broader People to People movement initiated after World War II and championed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who envisioned sister city relationships as a means to promote peace and mutual understanding worldwide.

On May 28, 2025, the City of Iloilo adopted a resolution authorizing the mayor to sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the City of Fort Lauderdale, to enter into a Sister City relationship. This relationship will be the City's 20th sister city relationship focused on enhancing diplomatic, cultural, education, and economic relations.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are United.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Memorandum of Understanding

Exhibit 2 – City of Iloilo Resolution

Exhibit 3 – Resolution

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