

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-2924

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA,
ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH
THE REGION OF SHOMRON, ISRAEL 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 Region of Shomron, Israel as a sister city to the Town in order to promote educational, informational, cultural, and economic exchange between the Town and the Region of Shomron; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Surfside, located in Miami Dade County Florida, is a thriving community made up of diverse cultures and nationalities, and the unity, courage, and kindness displayed after the tragic collapse of the Surfside Champlain Towers South became a beacon of light and goodness which shone throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Shomron, which is located in the Judea and Samaria region of Israel, represents a large diversity of cultures and nationalities that have been resilient in the face of terror and tragedy, yet, is a region that flourishes with hospitals, universities, businesses, cultural centers, and archeological sites; and

WHEREAS, the State of Israel mobilized the Israeli Defense Force’s Search & Rescue Team (ISR-1) which responded from overseas and provided vital intel, aid, and support in the rescue and recovery efforts in the aftermath of the Surfside Champlain Towers South Collapse; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the strong bond between the people and government of the United States of America and the State of Israel, and, specifically, the strong bond and relationship that was created between the Town and the State of Israel after the tragic collapse of the Surfside Champlain Towers South, the parties wish to establish a sister city relationship to provide and explore trade and economic opportunities and engage in cultural, educational and informational exchanges; and

WHEREAS, Shlomo Danzinger, Mayor of the Town of Surfside, and the Honorable Yossi Dagan, Chairman of the Shomron Regional Council, will work diligently to develop and strengthen ties between the two communities; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission finds that it is in the best interests of the Town to establish a sister city relationship with the region of Shomron, Israel 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 the region of Shomron, Israel as a sister city to the Town of Surfside, Florida to promote educational, informational, cultural and economic exchanges.

Section 3. Implementation. That 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 \$500 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 28th day of September, 2022.

Motion By: Mayor Danzinger

Second By: Commissioner Meischeid

FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION:

Commissioner Fred Landsman	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Marianne Meischeid	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Nelly Velasquez	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Jeffrey Rose	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Shlomo Danzinger	<u>Yes</u>



Shlomo Danzinger, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sandra McCready, MMC
Town Clerk

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



Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L.
Town Attorney