Item 10

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TWINNING THE CITY OF KINGSTON, JAMAICA WITH THE CITY OF MIRAMAR, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

WHEREAS, the City of Miramar is located in Broward County, South Florida, in the United States of America.

AND WHEREAS, the City of Miramar was named by the Honourable Robert Gordon, the City's first mayor, "Miramar" is Spanish for "View of the Sea." The city shares its name with a Cuban suburb in Havana. Incorporated in 1955, Miramar has seen its physical boundaries grow over the years from its original size of three (3) square miles to the present size of thirty (30) square miles. The city's motto is "Beauty and Progress," a phrase which is inscribed on the City's Seal.

AND WHEREAS, the City of Miramar is one of the fastest growing, culturally diverse and economically viable cities in the United States of America with an approximate population of one-hundred and forty thousand (140,000) residents.

AND WHEREAS, the City of Miramar is home to a large Jamaican Diaspora, many of whom have contributed in significant ways to the development of the City, particularly in the areas of social development, political leadership, citizen safety and security and commerce.

AND WHEREAS His Honour, the Mayor of the City of Miramar, Mr Wayne Messam, who himself is a Jamaican, has expressed immeasurable interest in twinning both the Cities of Miramar and Kingston.

AND WHEREAS, both these cities share deep cultural, creative and historic ties and have agreed to pursue and solidify this relationship through various initiatives such as, but not limited to: municipal governance, youth participation and leadership, community empowerment, commercial facilitation and networking, environmental stewardship, alternative energy solutions and local economic development.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Kingston and St. Andrew Municipal Corporation support the twining of the City of Kingston, Jamaica with the City of Miramar, Florida.

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