

# Proclamation



**WHEREAS:** to facilitate and maintain world peace, cities, their elected officials, and their citizens need to collaborate internationally, through international organization such as Sister Cities International; and

**WHEREAS:** in 2017 Sister Cities International is celebrating 61 years of global citizen and civic diplomatic action, and helping support a future where the world's cities, communities and its citizens can come together in common ground; and

**WHEREAS:** Sister Cities International Day is a fitting occasion to commemorate the significant impact that the organization has made in building bridges across the nations, cities and communities around the globe in order to create and sustain world peace; and

**WHEREAS:** Sister Cities International was founded as a Presidential initiative by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on September 11, 1956 at the White House on citizen diplomacy to create more community led global relationships so that people of different cultures could appreciate their differences and build partnerships that would lessen the chance of new national conflicts; and

**WHEREAS:** since President Eisenhower, every sitting President has been Honorary Chairman of Sister Cities International; and

**WHEREAS:** Sister Cities International currently has over 570 cities, counties, and states with relationships with over 2,300 communities in 150 countries, spanning 6 continents; and

**WHEREAS:** countless city, county, and state governments and their leaders have been involved in global relationships due to Sister Cities International; and

**WHEREAS:** these relationships included educational, economic, cultural, municipal and humanitarian assistance exchange programs that are mutually beneficial to each community; and

**WHEREAS:** the City of Pompano Beach, Florida is proud to be part of the Sister Cities program spanning the globe in the following cities and countries: San Clemente, Argentina, Itajai, Brazil and Termoli, Italy; and

**WHEREAS:** Sister Cities International Day is an opportunity for Americans and the world to come together and show how powerful humanity can be when we unite to promote peace, progress and prosperity for a better world.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Commission of Pompano Beach, Florida supports the designation of July 15, 2017 as "Sister City Day".

**DONE** this 11th day of July, 2017.



  
Lamar Fisher, Mayor