

**RESOLUTION NO. 2006 – 063**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA INVITING THE CITY OF CLIFDEN, IRELAND TO BECOME A SISTER CITY OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SEND AN INVITATION TO THE CITY OF CLIFDEN TO ENTER INTO A SISTER CITY AFFILIATION; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CLIFDEN TO ESTABLISH A SISTER CITY AFFILIATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clifden, Ireland is located amidst the breathtaking mountain scenery and beautiful coastline of Ireland's western region known as Connemara; and

**WHEREAS**, Clifden's residents are renowned hosts with a flair for enjoying their surroundings and for helping others to do the same; and

**WHEREAS**, Clifden residents are generally deep-rooted in the community and its people are fiercely proud of their heritage and of their history; and

**WHEREAS**, Clifden is also proud of its substantial equestrian community and its numerous equine organizations including the Connemara Pony Association; and

**WHEREAS**, like the Town of Southwest Ranches, Clifden has sought to preserve its unique lifestyle; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sister City Program was created in 1956 to encourage greater friendship and understanding between the United States and other nations through direct personal contact; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to foster these goals cities throughout the world form partnerships to explore educational, economic, and cultural opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Southwest Ranches desires to form an affiliation with Clifden to develop a mutual understanding of both municipalities through the exchange of various information and materials; and

**WHEREAS**, through this affiliation the Town encourages its residents to visit Clifden to identify themes common to both municipalities and to create new initiatives to further the relationship between the municipalities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida:

**Section 1:** The above referenced recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

**Section 2:** The Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches hereby invites the City of Clifden, Ireland to become a Sister City of the Town of Southwest Ranches.

**Section 3:** The Town Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to send an invitation to the City of Clifden, in substantially the same form as that attached hereto as Exhibit "A", to enter into a Sister City affiliation.

**Section 4:** The Town Council hereby authorizes the Mayor, Town Administrator and Town Attorney to enter into a Sister City Agreement in substantially the same form as that attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and to make such modifications, additions and/or deletions which they deem necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

**Section 5:** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2006, on a motion by Vice Mayor Don Maines and seconded by Council Member Aster Knight.

Fink	<u>Y</u>	Ayes	<u>5</u>
Maines	<u>Y</u>	Nays	<u>0</u>
Blanton	<u>Y</u>	Absent	<u>0</u>
Knight	<u>Y</u>	Abstaining	<u>0</u>
Nelson	<u>Y</u>		

**[Signatures on Following Page]**

Mecca Fink  
Mecca Fink, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan A. Owens  
Susan A. Owens, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:

Gary A. Poliakoff  
Gary A. Poliakoff, J.D., Town Attorney  
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## Exhibit "A"

[Date]

The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
Address  
Address  
Clifden, Ireland  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dear Honorable \_\_\_\_\_,

It is with great pleasure that I invite the City of Clifden, Ireland to enter into a sister city affiliation with the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida. This invitation is on behalf of the entire Town Council who voted unanimously in favor of this affiliation.

As we look to the future of this alliance, we envision a growing awareness and appreciation of each other's culture and people. From small beginnings, we hope this partnership will continue for many generations, fostering educational, economic and professional exchanges. We look forward to the limitless possibilities of this relationship.

We hope that the City of Clifden will seriously consider the opportunity to partner with our wonderful Town.

Sincerely,

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Mecca Fink, Mayor

**Exhibit "B"**

**AN AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SISTER  
CITY AFFILIATION BETWEEN  
THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA (U.S.A.)  
AND  
THE CITY OF CLIFDEN, CONNEMARA  
(IRELAND)**

The Sister City affiliation between the Town of Southwest Ranches and the City of Clifden will foster mutually beneficial solutions to common challenges for these two rural communities. This Sister City relationship shall strive to:

- Encourage exchanges between Southwest Ranches and Clifden to help foster an awareness and appreciation of each other's culture and people; and
- Support and promote the development of new social, economic, academic and community programs to encourage both municipality's citizens to share their experiences as a medium for learning from one another; and
- Identify themes, common to both, that can generate new initiatives to further and nurture the increasingly powerful financial, social and cultural relationships between the municipalities;

With the above purposes in mind, the Mayor of the Town of Southwest Ranches and the Mayor of the City of Clifden solemnly confirm that these two municipalities are united by an official partnership by the protocol of this Agreement.

This Agreement will go into effect this \_\_\_\_ day of May, 2006.

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Mecca Fink, Mayor  
Town of Southwest Ranches

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\_\_\_\_\_, Mayor  
City of Clifden

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John Canada, Town Administrator

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Gary A. Poliakoff, J.D., Town Attorney