

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**Sister State Agreement between**  
**the Government of the Region Piura**  
**and the Government of the State of Maryland**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by and between the Government of the Region Piura, of Peru and the Government of the State of Maryland, of the United States of America (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties").

Whereas, the Parties wish to amplify the positive experiences already existing between Peru, especially the Region Piura, and the State of Maryland;

Whereas the Parties intend to cooperate further;

Whereas, the Parties intend for this MOU to be of mutual benefit to both the State of Maryland and the Region Piura, which benefits the country of Peru generally; and

Now, therefore, the Parties have agreed as follows:

**Article 1**

The Parties represent that cooperation will take place in the following areas:

- Promotion of trade and business, including entrepreneurship;
- Increase educational opportunities;
- Exchange of culture and the arts; and
- Improve health and human services.

By mutual written consent of both parties, the Parties may adopt other areas of exchange.

**Article 2**

Neither party, without the prior written consent of the other Party, shall use any information it receives from the other Party under this MOU for purposes not directly related to the exercise of the MOU.

### **Article 3**

The Parties shall act in good faith in implementing the items described in this MOU, however the Parties shall not assume any legal or financial obligations or liabilities in this regard whatsoever.

### **Article 4**

Information received pursuant to this MOU by one Party from the other shall be used solely for purposes directly related to the exercise of the MOU, unless prior written consent from the other Party is obtained.

### **Article 5**

Any cooperation under this MOU shall be within the scope of the authority and powers of both Parties and availability of funds.

### **Article 6**

This MOU shall be subject to the laws, rules and regulations applying to both Participants.

### **Article 7**

This MOU is not intended to create legally binding rights and obligations.

### **Article 8**

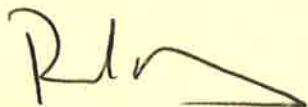
This MOU shall not preclude either Party from entering into similar arrangements with any other entity.

## Article 9

This MOU is for a period of three (3) years starting on the effective date, and may be renewed by an exchange of letters between the Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this MOU may be terminated at any time by mutual agreement or unilaterally by either Party; provided however, Articles 3 and 8 shall survive the termination of the MOU.

Signed in English and Spanish, both versions being equally valid.

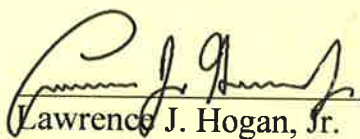
For and on Behalf  
of the Government  
of the Region Piura



Reynaldo Hilbrck Guzman  
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Region Piura

Date: 21 de Diciembre 2018

For and on Behalf  
of the Government  
of the State of Maryland



Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.  
Governor  
State of Maryland

Date: 21<sup>th</sup> day of November 2018