

AN ORDINANCE 98871

RATIFYING THE ACTION OF THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE IN THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF A ONE (1) YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT, FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2003 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2004, WITH IMEF, A.C., AS LESSOR, FOR APPROXIMATELY 1,613 SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE SPACE AT 3422 LAZARO CARDENAS AVE., SUITE 604, IN GUADALAJARA, JALISCO, MEXICO FOR CASA SAN ANTONIO IN GUADALAJARA AT A MONTHLY RENTAL RATE OF \$11,960 MEXICAN PESOS, CURRENTLY EQUIVALENT TO \$1,087 U.S. DOLLARS, WHICH INCLUDES THE FIFTEEN PERCENT VALUE-ADDED TAX; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 74216, passed and approved by City Council on August 19, 1991, an office (the "Casa San Antonio") was established on October 8, 1991 in Guadalajara, Mexico for the purpose of promoting economic development and tourism between Mexico and San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, over the last fiscal year, the Guadalajara office, in conjunction with two other Mexico offices, assisted over 600 clients, responded to over 7,000 technical assistant calls and contacts, and generated almost \$21 million in trade between San Antonio and Mexico; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Casa San Antonio moved into its current office which is located in a modern office building positioned in a major intersection, providing higher visibility and more convenience for clients and visitors; and

WHEREAS, renewal of this lease agreement was pending the approval of the lessor's (the "IMEF, A.C.") Board of Directors, finalized in December 2003 and presented to the International Affairs Department in January 2004; and

WHEREAS, the approval of this ordinance, which ratifies the one-year lease of this location, will facilitate the continuation of the City Council's policy to promote economic development for the City of San Antonio, aid in the facilitation of a permanent two-way trade relationship, and increase tourism between Guadalajara and San Antonio; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The terms and conditions of a one (1)-year lease agreement commencing October 1, 2003, with IMEF, A.C. for the use of approximately 1,613 square feet of office space at 3422 Lazaro Cardenas Ave., Suite 604, in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, at a monthly rental rate of \$11,960 (Eleven thousand nine hundred sixty and 00/100 pesos, MXP.), which is currently equivalent to \$1,087.00 U.S. dollars (One thousand eighty seven and 00/100 U.S. dollars), which includes the fifteen percent aggregated value tax, are hereby approved.

SECTION 2. The City Manager or her designee is hereby authorized for the next 60 days following the effective date of this Ordinance to execute the Lease Agreement with IMEF, A.C. Copies of said Lease, in both English and Spanish, have been executed by IMEF, A.C. and are attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment I.

SECTION 3. Payment in Fund 29-00500 (Hotel Motel Tax Fund) Index Code 670950 "Rental of Facilities" in the amount of \$4,634.41.00 is ratified for rental of space for the months of October 2003 through February 2004.

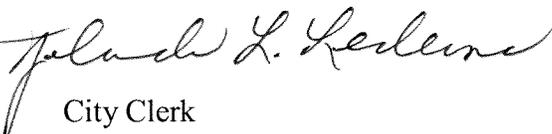
SECTION 4. Funds in the amount of \$9,783.00 will be encumbered in the Fund 29-00500 (Hotel Motel Tax Fund), Index Code 670950 entitled "Rental of Facilities" for the months of March 2004 through September 2004 and made payable to IMEF, A.C.

SECTION 5. The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Director of Finance of the City of San Antonio. The Director of Finance may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific index codes and fund numbers as necessary to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall be effective on and after the tenth (10th) day after passage hereof.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of February, 2004.


M A Y O R
EDWARD D. GARZA

ATTEST: 
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 
City Attorney