RESOLUTION NO. R-2012-131

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, URGING CONGRESS TO CONSIDER AND PASS LEGISLATION THAT EXPANDS THE USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR PUBLIC SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") program was enacted and signed into law by President Gerald Ford as the centerpiece of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, Community Development Block Grants are an irreplaceable source of funding for municipalities to carry out activities that are tailored to their unique affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization needs; and

WHEREAS, currently the CDBG program has a fifteen (15) percent cap that municipalities can use for public services; and

WHEREAS, expanding the cap to twenty-five (25) percent would allow municipalities to target CDBG funds to the immediate and unprecedented needs of families and individuals harmed by the ongoing home foreclosure crisis and general economic downturn; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Senator Bill Nelson (D-FL) and U.S. Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL-18) are sponsors of federal legislation titled the *CDBG Public Services Flexibility Act* that would expand the public services cap from fifteen (15) percent to twenty-five (25) percent; and

WHEREAS, CDBG-supported projects and services create a bridge for struggling families to the middle class, and giving localities the discretion to increase spending on public services to twenty-five (25) percent will help service providers maintain essential support for those families despite persistent decreases in municipal revenues.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. **Recitals.** The recitals in the whereas clauses are true and correct, and incorporated into this Resolution.

Section 2. **Mayor and City Council Support.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby urge Congress to pass the CDBG Public Services Flexibility Act and express appreciation to the Florida members of Congress who have signed on as sponsors and co-sponsors of this federal legislation.

Section 3. **Directions to City Clerk.** The City Clerk is hereby directed to provide a copy of this resolution to the Florida Congressional Delegation, the National League of Cities, and the Secretaries of the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Section 4. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 5-0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 23 day of October, 2012.

ANDRE D. PIERRE, ESQ.
MAYOR

ATTEST:

MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

REGINE M. MONESTIME
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: Councilwoman Steril

Seconded by: Mayor Pierre

Vote:

Mayor Andre D. Pierre, Esq.	x (Yes)	_____ (No)
Vice Mayor Marie Erlande Steril	x (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Michael R. Blynn, Esq.	x (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Scott Galvin	x (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Jean R. Marcellus	x (Yes)	_____ (No)