RESOLUTION NO. 2014-R-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, ENDORSING THE MISSION OF THE PETS' TRUST TO IMPROVE ANIMAL WELFARE, INCREASE ADOPTIONS, DECREASE OVERPOPULATION BY PROVIDING FREE AND LOW-COST INCOME QUALIFIED SPAY/NEUTER SURGERIES AND VETERINARY CARE; PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL, ADOPTION AND FOSTERING PROGRAMS, SHELTER CARE, ASSISTANCE TO RESCUE GROUPS, AND INCREASE SUPPORT FOR THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS (ASPCA); PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, "Pets' Trust Miami is a citizens' initiative to improve animal welfare, increase adoptions, decrease overpopulation by providing free and low-cost income qualified spay/neuter surgeries and veterinary care; provide educational, adoption and fostering programs, shelter care, assistance to rescue groups, and increase support for the ASPCA; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami strongly endorses the mission of the Pets' Trust, which created programs to stop the killing of our animals; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami recognizes that aggressive spay/neuter surgeries are the key to ending the overpopulation of dogs and cats in our community; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Animal Services receives tens of thousands of dogs and cats each year of which thousands of them are killed annually and more than 400,000 stray cats live on our streets with females having up to 12 kittens a year; and

WHEREAS, the community not only voted to help save our animals, but approved a modest funding mechanism to actually finance the solution; and

WHEREAS, it was understood that it could cost up to Three Hundred Dollars ($300.00) to maintain and then kill an animal as opposed to Sixty-Five Dollars ($65) to spay or neuter the animal; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami recognizes that an overwhelming majority of OUR citizens supports the Pets' Trust and encourage the Mayor and Commissioners of Miami-Dade County to implement the will of the people in this current budget session.

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

Section 1. **Recitals.** The recitals stated above are adopted by reference and confirmed.

Section 2. **Support of Mayor and City Council.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby endorse the mission of the Pets' Trust.

Section 3. **Direction to City Clerk.** The City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to all South Florida municipalities, the Florida League of Cities, Inc., and the Board of Commissioners of Miami-Dade County.

Section 5. **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 13th day of May 2014.

Philippe Beauboeuf for
LUCIE M. TONDREAU
MAYOR

ATTEST:

MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

REGINE M. MONESTIME
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILWOMAN CAROL KEYS, ESQ.

Moved by: Gavin

Seconded by: Steril

Vote:

Mayor Lucie M. Tondreau	x (Yes)	_____ (No)
Vice Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime	x (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Scott Galvin	x (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Carol Keys, Esq.	x (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Marie Erlande Steril	x (Yes)	_____ (No)