

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-R-105**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, URGING MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO PARTNER WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO SECURE STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING TO ASSIST WITH ELIMINATING SEPTIC SYSTEMS AND CONVERTING TO SEWER SYSTEM CONNECTIONS; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO EACH MAYOR OF MUNICIPALITIES IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems, commonly referred to as ‘septic systems’, are a type of onsite sewage facility, with the significant treatment of wastewater occurring in an underground drainfield; and

**WHEREAS**, some portions within municipalities and Miami-Dade County (“County”), particularly in rural and suburban areas, lack public sanitary sewer systems and therefore rely solely on septic systems to treat and dispose of wastewater from toilets, showers, sinks, and dishwashers; and

**WHEREAS**, wherever located, septic systems present environmental concerns and are potentially vulnerable to the effects of sea level rise; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 6, 2016, Governor Rick Scott (the “Governor”) announced that he will propose additional funding to the State’s Fiscal Year 2017-2018 recommended budget for a voluntary matching program to encourage residents to convert from septic tanks to sewer systems to help curb pollution that is currently entering into the Indian River Lagoon and Caloosahatchee River; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor stated in a press release that “septic tank runoff is a major contributor to the pollution in these water bodies and I look forward to working with the Legislature to fund efforts to curb it”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's proposal would also provide financial support to local communities to help them build wastewater systems to meet the increased demand for wastewater services; and

**WHEREAS**, as the Governor explained, “it is up to all of us...the state, Florida's local communities and the federal government, to work together on long term solutions to improve the quality of our water”, and “that is why I am going to commit state funding and match it with local contributions so we can work together on efforts to clean up our waters”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council find the elimination of septic systems, in conjunction with the conversion to sewer system connections, will help to protect our environment and water quality; and thereby advance the health, safety, and welfare of all City residents, as well as the County.

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

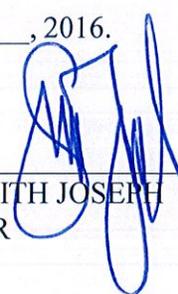
**Section 1.**      **Urging Municipalities within Miami-Dade County.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby urge municipalities within Miami-Dade County to partner with Miami-Dade County to secure state and federal funding to assist with eliminating septic systems and converting to sewer system connections.

**Section 2.**      **Direction to City Clerk.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby direct the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to each Mayor of municipalities in Miami-Dade County.

**Section 3.**      **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by a   5 -0   vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this  25th  day of   October  , 2016.

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DR. SMITH JOSEPH  
MAYOR



ATTEST:



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MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



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JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.  
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: VICE MAYOR ALIX DESULME

Moved by: Desulme

Seconded by: Joseph

**Vote:**

Mayor Smith Joseph, D.O., Pharm. D.  
Vice Mayor Alix Desulme  
Councilman Scott Galvin  
Councilwoman Carol Keys, Esq.  
Councilman Philippe Bien-Aime

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