

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-R-117

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, The City of North Miami ("City") has a long-standing commitment to provide emergency utility bill assistance to its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 28, 2018, the City of North Miami established by Resolution No. 2017-R-145, the North Miami Low Income Home Utility Bills Assistance Foundation, Inc. (the "NOMI Water Bill Assistance Program") to assist low-income customers unable to pay their water bill due to economic hardship; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the City of North Miami have expressed an intent to offer assistance to low-income resident customers suffering financial hardship and have provided additional assistance to those suffering from either the medical or economic effects of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 by funneling the aid through the NOMI Water Bill Assistance Program; and

**WHEREAS**, to provide an additional source of utility assistance funding, City Administration recommends that the City execute a vendor agreement to provide for the City's participation in Miami-Dade County's Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program as an additional resource to North Miami residents in need of financial assistance to pay their utility bills; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed agreement is for a five (5) year term wherein Miami-Dade County will make utility payments directly to the City of North Miami on behalf of qualified program participants; and

**WHEREAS**, City administration respectfully requests that the Mayor and City Council authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Miami-Dade County to provide for the City's participation in Miami-Dade County's Water Assistance Program.

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

**Section 1. Authority of City Manager.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of North Miami and Miami-Dade County, to provide for the City's participation in the Miami-Dade County Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program.

**Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be 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 30th day of August, 2022.

  
PHILIPPE BIEN-AIME  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

  
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JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.  
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: Estime-Irvin

Seconded by: Galvin

**Vote:**

Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Vice Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Councilman Scott Galvin	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Councilwoman Kassandra Timothe, MPA	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)