

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-109

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA,
ESTABLISHING THE “ANDREW PAUL AND ALEX PAUL
LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM”, TO BE ADMINISTERED
BY THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI PARKS AND
RECREATION DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2023, twin brothers, Andrew Paul, and Alex Paul, were playing with friends by the lake at Arthur Woodard Park, on the 1100 block of Northwest 99th Street, when one of the kids pushed Alex into the lake; and

WHEREAS, his brother, Andrew, jumped into the lake to try to save his brother, but he couldn't, and both ended up drowning; and

WHEREAS, despite the best efforts of the first responders who rushed the scene, pulling the boys out of the lake, it was too late for the twins; and

WHEREAS, the City is devastated by this loss and is desirous of offering a youth aquatic program to ensure that all children in our community will have the ability to learn to swim; and

WHEREAS, the City's Parks and Recreation Department (“Parks Department”) will administer the proposed aquatic program, to be located at the Thomas Sasso Pool; and

WHEREAS, not only do swim lessons serve as a life-saving resource by reducing the risk of drowning and improving water safety skills, but swimming is also a fun way to stay active and encourage healthy living by creating a love and respect for water early on while building confidence that will stay with them the rest of their lives; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council are in support of establishing a Learn to Swim Program in honor of Andrew Paul and Alex Paul; and

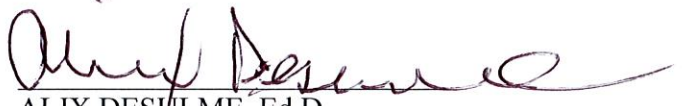
WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find that the proposed program is a life-saving resource for the youth and adults in our community, and in that it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to establish the “Andrew Paul and Alex Paul Learn to Swim Program”.

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


Section 1. Adoption of Program. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby authorize the establishment of the “Andrew Paul and Alex Paul Learn to Swim Program”, to be administered by the City of North Miami Parks and Recreation Department.

Section 2. 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 27th day of June, 2023.



ALIX DESULME, Ed.D.
MAYOR

ATTEST:



VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR ALIX DESULME

Moved by: Galvin

Seconded by: Charles

Vote:

Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.
Vice-Mayor Mary Estimé-Irvin

X (Yes) _____ (No)
X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilman Scott Galvin

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilwoman Kassandra Timothe, MPA

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles

X (Yes) _____ (No)