

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-106

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI,
FLORIDA, URGING CONGRESS TO SUPPORT
AMERICORPS PROGRAMS IN OUR
COMMUNITIES; PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, national service programs under the umbrella of AmeriCorps, the federal agency for volunteering and service, are designed to engage Americans in service to others; and

WHEREAS, AmeriCorps, formerly known as the Corporation for National and Community Service, is the nation's largest annual grant maker for service and volunteering, investing over \$800 million annually to fund programs with nonprofit, faith-based, local government, and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, more than 200,000 AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers nationwide serve at over 36,000 locations where they make an impact across urgent community needs – from environmental stewardship to education to economic opportunity; and

WHEREAS, after successful completion of service, AmeriCorps members earn the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award to pay for qualified educational costs, and since 1994, more than 1.25 million AmeriCorps members have earned education awards totaling more than \$4.5 billion; and

WHEREAS, each year AmeriCorps places over 140,000 AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers, adults over age 55, with service opportunities offered by partner organizations where they tutor and mentor students and help elderly individuals receive assistance so that they can continue to live independently; and

WHEREAS, recent Return on Investment Studies demonstrated AmeriCorps programs generate as much as a \$34.26 return on investment for every federal dollar invested, and other studies reported benefits of AmeriCorps programs including increased wages and decreased rates of unemployment for members, improved health outcomes for AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers, increased economic growth and tax revenue in communities served and positive environmental outcomes for native plant populations; and

WHEREAS, 8 of 10 AmeriCorps alumni say that their experience benefited their career path, with 42% of those alumni employed within 6 months saying they found a job through a connection made thru AmeriCorps[2], and the program has been a powerful workforce development pathway for cities across the country; and

WHEREAS, with the investments in the American Rescue Plan, AmeriCorps launched a new partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention called Public Health AmeriCorps, investing \$400 million in the next generation of public health workers, modeled on other successful federal agency partnerships such as FEMA Corps, which has created emergency management and federal career pathways for AmeriCorps members for over ten years.

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

Section 1. **Incorporation.** The above WHEREAS clauses are hereby incorporated by reference into this Resolution.

Section 2. **Support for AmeriCorps.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami hereby urges Congress to include robust funding for AmeriCorps, formerly known as the Corporation for National and Community Service, in fiscal year 2024 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations.

Section 3. **Support for National Service.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami hereby urges Congress to act to make national service more accessible for all who want to serve by increasing the living allowance for AmeriCorps members and stipends for Senior volunteers and removing the taxation on Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards.

Section 4. **Conflicts.** That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

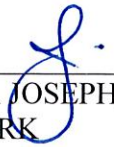
Section 5. **Effective Date.** That this Resolution shall be in force and take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

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.

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Vice-Mayor Mary Estimé-Irvin

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilman Scott Galvin

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilwoman Kassandra Timothe, MPA

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles

X (Yes) _____ (No)