

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-117

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF AUGUST AS BLACK BUSINESS MONTH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, National Black Business Month was created in 2004 by historian John William Templeton and engineer Frederick E. Jordan Sr. to bring attention to the needs of more than two million Black-owned businesses operating across America; and

WHEREAS, Black Business Month is celebrated annually during the month of August, as a time when individuals and businesses recognize Black-owned businesses across the country; and

WHEREAS, during Black Business Month, local government officials, community leaders, and venture capitalists are encouraged to focus efforts on supporting Black-owned businesses and creating a more hospitable environment in which Black-owned businesses can grow; and

WHEREAS, Black-owned businesses account for approximately 2 million companies or 10 percent of U.S. businesses and about 30 percent of all minority-owned businesses according to the U.S. Census Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Black-owned businesses are essential to our flourishing communities and culture as they support families and provide careers to Floridians across the State; and

WHEREAS, North Miami's Black-owned businesses spur economic development and provide access to wealth-building resources for current and future generations of black families; and

WHEREAS, National Black Business Month serves as an initiative to recognize Black-owned businesses, highlight the vital contributions of Black-owned businesses to our country, and to encourage their continued development; and

WHEREAS, residents of North Miami are encouraged to explore, support, and learn more about our local Black businesses through organizations like the Florida Black Chamber of Commerce, the North Miami Chamber of Commerce, as well as the U.S. Black Chambers, Inc. for national information; and

WHEREAS, support for Black Business Month can come in the form of making a purchase, referring others, engaging on social websites and other platforms; and

WHEREAS, supporting Black-owned businesses throughout the year can help stabilize a community and create more opportunities for meaningful savings, property ownership, credit building, and generational wealth; and

WHEREAS, North Miami residents are encouraged to support and invest in Black-owned businesses as they strengthen the Spirit of North Miami by contributing to making it the best place to live, work, and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami recognizes the month of August as Black Business Month to support the achievements, contributions, and history of Black-owned businesses.

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

Section 1. **Recognition.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby recognize the month of August as Black Business Month.

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 11th day of July, 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: VICE-MAYOR MARY ESTIMÉ-IRVIN

Moved by: Desulme

Seconded by: Timothe

Vote:

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