

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-116

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, URGING CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO RENEW THE BROWNFIELDS TAX INCENTIVE FOR COMMUNITIES NATIONWIDE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, brownfield cleanup and redevelopment continues to be a challenge for cities; and

WHEREAS, the additional brownfield grant funding in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is set to end after fiscal year (FY) 2027; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the annual United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) brownfields program funding is available and sufficient to plan for, assess, and cleanup sites across the country; and

WHEREAS, localities are in great need of increased federal funding and resources to support the EPA brownfields program; and

WHEREAS, the Brownfields Tax Incentive allowed private parties to deduct cleanup costs against tax liability in the year the costs were incurred rather than spread over ten years; and

WHEREAS, in the fourteen years it was active, the Brownfields Tax Incentive was used more than 625 times in over 40 states, providing cash savings for developers to invest in their next brownfield project; and

WHEREAS, this tax incentive allowed volunteers to get the same tax treatment as responsible parties when cleaning up sites, as currently, polluters can expense their cleanup costs, but volunteers cannot; and

WHEREAS, The United States Conference of Mayors has adopted resolutions supporting brownfield redevelopment and funding for EPA's brownfield grant program since the mid-1990s.

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. Call to Congress. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami hereby urges Congress to enact legislation to renew the Brownfields Tax Incentive for communities nationwide.

Section 3. Conflicts. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. 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 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: MAYOR ALIX DESULME

Moved by: Desulme

Seconded by: Timothe

Vote:

Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D. X (Yes) _____ (No) _____

Vice-Mayor Mary Estimé-Irvin
Councilman Scott Galvin
Councilwoman Kassandra Timothe, MPA
Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles

X (Yes) _____ (No)
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