

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-115

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, CALLING UPON CONGRESS TO EXPAND THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA OF INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING PROGRAMS FOR THE SUPPORT OF STORMWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AND STORMWATER FLOODING REMEDIATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the growing impact of climate change in the United States differs greatly by geographic region, bringing severe droughts and depletion of water resources to much of the United States, while dramatically and dangerously increasing the severity of high rainfall events in other parts of the country; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), between 1958 and 2012, the Northeast United States saw more than a 70 percent increase in the amount of rainfall measured during heavy precipitation events, more than in any other region in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the EPA further reports that, during storm events with heavy precipitation, combined sewer-stormwater systems in the Northeast region can overload, resulting in wastewater discharge; and

WHEREAS, sewer systems in much of the United States were built a century or more ago, only designed to handle storms that would occur once per year or perhaps once in ten years, and which combine sanitary sewage and stormwater into the same pipes, necessitating large scale sewer separation infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, even where sewers have been or soon will be separated, current stormwater system capacities are still proving insufficient to handle the increased rainfall events brought about by climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has adopted multiple pieces of major infrastructure funding legislation in recent years, including but not limited to the

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (IIJA) and the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA) totaling more than \$1.5 trillion in new public investments combined; and

WHEREAS, despite these unprecedented and much-needed investments in public infrastructure across the United States, federal funds are not currently available for stormwater system improvements at the scale that is required to address the challenge of high rainfall events due to climate change.

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 calls upon the Congress of the United States to expand the eligibility criteria of infrastructure funding programs under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (IIJA) and the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (IRA), or to authorize new programs, for the support of stormwater system improvements and stormwater flooding remediation for impacted communities across the United States.

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

CO-SPONSORED BY: VICE-MAYOR MARY ESTIMÉ-IRVIN

Moved by: Desulme

Seconded by: Timothe

Vote:

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