

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-228**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES, TO SECURE AN URBAN FORESTRY GRANT IN SUPPORT OF AN INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES REMOVAL INITIATIVE AT THE ELAINE GORDON ENCHANTED FOREST PARK; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council are desirous of securing a grant from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (“FDACS”); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Miami (“City”) requested a grant in the amount of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$75,000.00) with no required match for a total project cost in the amount of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$75,000.00); and

**WHEREAS**, funds will be used toward restoring and preserving the natural biodiversity of the Enchanted Forest Elaine Gordon Park by removing approximately eleven (11) acres of invasive air potato species along the park's southern border, fostering the regrowth of state-threatened/endangered native plant species; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council wish to ratify the submittal of a grant application as well as to fully authorize the negotiation and execution of an agreement for grant funds between the City and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

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

**Section 1. Ratification of Submittal of Application.** The Mayor and City Council hereby ratify the submittal of the City of North Miami’s application for a grant from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in support of an invasive plant removal initiative at the Elaine Gordon Enchanted Forest Park.

**Section 2.**     **Authority to City Manager and City Attorney.** The City Manager and City Attorney are hereby authorized to negotiate and execute an agreement between the City of North Miami, Florida, and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to obtain grant funds.

**Section 3.**     **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 12th day of December, 2023.

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ALIX DESULME, ED.D.  
MAYOR

ATTEST :



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VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



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JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.  
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: Charles

Seconded by: Estime-Irvin

**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, M.Ed.

  X   (Yes)        (No)