

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER'S EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT AND ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDERS TO ARETE ADVISORS, LLC, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE DOLLARS AND TWENTY CENTS (\$129,859.20), FOR THE EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF MANAGED DETECTION AND RESPONSE SERVICES NECESSARY TO RESPOND TO THE CITY'S CYBER INCIDENT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 7-144 OF THE CITY CODE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, on August 4, 2024, the City of North Miami ("City") experienced a cyber incident which required the Information Technology ("IT") department to immediately identify and implement the necessary software, equipment, and services to respond to the incident and restore access to critical network systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the implementation of a managed detection and response service offered through Arete Advisors, LLC was one of several initiatives undertaken by the IT department to respond to the cyber incident; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 7-144, City Code, allows the Interim City Manager to make emergency procurements when there exists an immediate threat to public health, welfare, or safety or to prevent or minimize serious disruption of government services; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff obtained a quote from Arete Advisors, LLC for the required managed detection and response services for an amount not exceeding One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$129,859.20); and

**WHEREAS**, City administration respectfully requests that the Mayor and City Council authorize the issuance of the purchase order, pursuant to Section 7-144, City Code of Ordinances.

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

**Section 1. Ratification.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby ratify the Interim City Manager's issuance of a Purchase Order in the amount of One Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars and Twenty Cents

(\$129,859.20), to Arete Advisors, LLC for the emergency purchase of managed detection and response services necessary to respond to the City's cyber incident, pursuant to Section 7-144, City Code of Ordinances.

**Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by a 4 - 0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 22nd day of October, 2024.

  
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: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: Charles

Seconded by: Galvin

**Vote:**

Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.

       (Yes)        (No) Absent

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)