

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-148**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF POLICE CANINE “RICO” TO BIG MAC’S K9 RESCUE CORP.; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Miami Police Department’s K-9, “Rico,” a three-year-old Belgian Malinois that has served the citizens of the City of North Miami (“City”) honorably for one (1) year, is classified as a dual purpose, tracking and apprehension K-9; and

**WHEREAS**, Police Canine Rico developed a temperamental behavior which did not allow him to continue in the capacity of a K-9 officer; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to donate Police Canine Rico to the Big Mac’s K9 Rescue Corp., a Florida Not For Profit Corporation, which serves a public purpose and renders a public service; and

**WHEREAS**, Big Mac’s K9 Rescue Corp., has agreed to adopt Police Canine Rico and accept all responsibility, financial obligations, and liability associated with the acceptance of this donation; and

**WHEREAS**, due to its developed temperamental behavior, Police Canine Rico has reached the end of his service career with the North Miami Police Department and is hereby deemed surplus property of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, donation of Police Canine Rico to Big Mac’s K9 Rescue Corp., serves a public purpose and renders a public service because this donation under these circumstances provides for the most humane and dignified way to retire this service animal that has served the citizens of the City honorably; and


**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council find it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to retire and donate Police Canine Rico and hereby authorize the Interim City Manager to execute a Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement with Big Mac’s K9 Rescue Corp., for this purpose.

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


**Section 1.**      **Authority of the interim City Manager.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby authorize the Interim City Manager to retire Police Canine Rico and execute a Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement with Big Mac's K9 Rescue Corp., attached as "Exhibit 1."

**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:

  
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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: Galvin

**Vote:**

Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.

Vice Mayor Mary Estimé-Irvin

Councilman Scott Galvin

Councilwoman Kassandra Timothe, MPA

Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles, M.Ed.

_____	(Yes)	_____	(No)	Absent
X	(Yes)	_____	(No)	
X	(Yes)	_____	(No)	
X	(Yes)	_____	(No)	
X	(Yes)	_____	(No)	