

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R-173

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DRIVER'S CIVIL CITATION PROGRAM, BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI AND THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA ("COURT"), THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CLERK OF THE COURT AND COMPTROLLER ("C.O.C."), MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ("S.A.O."), THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE ("P.D."), AND PARTICIPATING LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, there are approximately 600,000 people in Miami-Dade County with a suspended driver's license; and

WHEREAS, the majority of such suspensions result from a failure to pay for an infraction and not from dangerous driving; and

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2021, the Miami-Dade County Driver's License Suspension Task Force ("Task Force") was formed and met monthly to research, assess, and discuss potential recommendations and reforms; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force was comprised of members from the Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police ("MDCACP"), Court, S.A.O., P.D., and C.O.C., among others; and

WHEREAS, in May 2022, the Task Force generated seven recommendations to dramatically reduce the number of drivers in Miami-Dade County operating a motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force went to great lengths to ensure the recommendations would improve public safety; and

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2022, the recommendations of the Task Force were approved unanimously by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners ("BOCC"), and are incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the BOCC directed the MDCACP, S.A.O., and P.D., among others, to implement Recommendation 3 of the Task Force recommendations to "Safely Reduce Driving While License Suspended ("DWLS") Arrests for Failure to Pay"; and

WHEREAS, there is broad community support for this effort including from the roughly 40,000 interfaith congregants throughout Miami-Dade County represented by People Acting for Community Together ("PACT"); and

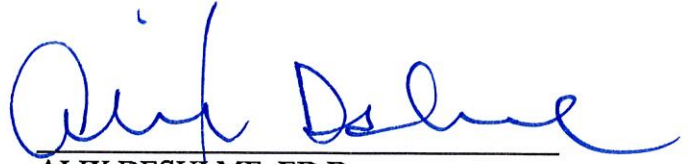
WHEREAS, in implementing the recommendations of the Task Force as supported by the BOCC, law enforcement agencies in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, working in conjunction with the S.A.O., P.D., C.O.C., and Court, the Mayor and City Council find it to be in the best interests of the City and its residents to enter into this MOU to establish a Driver's Civil Citation Diversion Program in Miami-Dade County, Florida, pursuant to, and in compliance with section 901.41, Florida Statutes, whereby eligible program participants will have their cases set in the Driver's License Assistance Court or Drive Legal Program in an effort to reinstate their driving privileges.

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 execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, the Miami-Dade County Clerk of the Court and Comptroller, Miami-Dade County, the Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office, the Miami-Dade County Public Defender's Office, and participating local law enforcement agencies in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, attached as Exhibit "A."

Section 2. **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 26th day of November, 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: Galvin

Seconded by: Charles

Vote:

Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.
Vice Mayor Mary Estimé-Irvin
Councilman Scott Galvin
Councilwoman Kassandra Timothe, MPA
Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles, M.Ed.

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