

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE A PUBLIC RECORDS EXEMPTION FOR MUNICIPAL CLERKS AND EMPLOYEES WHO PERFORM MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS WORK OR HAVE ANY PART IN CODE ENFORCEMENT FUNCTIONS OF A CITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, many municipal staff who perform duties that include, or result in, investigations into complaints regarding election fraud, legal enforcement of hearings that could lead to a criminal prosecution or code enforcement actions are exposed to threats and other acts of violence; and

WHEREAS, municipal clerks often administer elections, and some election workers have been targeted for threats and violence due to the nature of materials they are responsible for; and

WHEREAS, municipal clerks are often involved in legal enforcement proceedings in actions related to violations of codes and ordinances and, occasionally, these proceedings have led to retaliation and threats by defendants; and

WHEREAS, currently public records exemptions in Florida include those for local personnel who either investigate, enforce or otherwise provide a service that can result in contentious interactions when action is taken, and municipal clerks and their staff fall within the need for a window for greater protection; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council are very concerned for the safety and well-being of the municipal clerks and their staff who serve the public on a daily basis and are, oftentimes, the first contact of citizens with cities; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council urge the Florida Legislature to enact legislation to provide a public records exemption for municipal clerks and employees who perform municipal elections work or have any part in code enforcement functions of a city.

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

Section 1. Recommendation. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami hereby urge the Florida Legislature to provide a public records exemption for municipal clerks and employees who perform municipal elections work or have any part in code enforcement functions of a municipality.

Section 3. Direction to City Clerk. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami hereby directs the City Clerk to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, members of the Florida Senate, the Florida House of Representatives, and the Florida League of Cities.

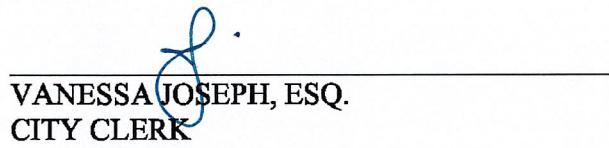
Section 4. Effective Date. That this Resolution shall be in force and take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 4 - 0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 11th day of March, 2025.



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 CLERK

Moved by: Charles

Seconded by: Burns

Vote:

Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.

(Yes) (No)

Vice-Mayor Kassandra Timothe, MPA

(Yes) (No) Absent

Councilman Kevin A. Burns

(Yes) (No)

Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin

(Yes) (No)

Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles, M.Ed.

(Yes) (No)