

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-131

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR WATER SAFETY EDUCATION AND INSTRUCTION SERVICES AS PART OF THE ZERO DROWNINGS MIAMI-DADE PROGRAM, INCLUDING ANNUAL REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE COUNTY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.00); PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, pursuant to Resolution No. R-455-24, approved the Zero Drownings Miami-Dade program (“Program”); and

WHEREAS, the Program is a collaborative effort involving representatives from Miami-Dade County, including the Parks, Recreation Open Spaces Department and other County departments, the Children’s Trust, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, the American Red Cross, and The Miami Foundation (collectively, the “Collaborative Group”); and

WHEREAS, as part of the Program, the County will expand its existing swim programs and work with the Collaborative Group to coordinate and facilitate free swim lessons for cohorts of four-year-old and kindergarten-aged children at nearby public or private water safety swim providers; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami (“City”) offers various swim safety programs, and during the 2023–2024 year, the Parks and Recreation Department provided swim lessons to more than 2,500 children, promoting water safety and drowning prevention; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Parks and Recreation Department will provide access to aquatic facilities at Thomas Sasso Pool during the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 academic years, and

WHEREAS, participating children will include those participating in the County’s Head Start program, certain children in The Trust funded Thrive-By-5 private childcare centers, and MDCPS kindergarten classrooms; and

WHEREAS, the Collaborative Group will provide funding for the Program, including up to One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) annually to reimburse the City of North Miami Parks and Recreation Department for staffing costs, with additional funds allocated for transportation, swim lessons, marketing and communications, and other Program needs; and


WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find that increasing water safety for children, supporting the goals of the Collaborative Group, and entering into an agreement for water safety education and instruction services will benefit City residents and promote the public welfare.

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 Miami-Dade County for the provision of water safety education and instruction services as part of the Zero Drownings Miami-Dade Program, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A," and to take all necessary actions to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

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 10th day of June, 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 ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: Timothe

Seconded by: Estime-Irvin

Vote:

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

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