

**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:



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JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.  
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: Timothe

Seconded by: Estime-Irvin

**Vote:**

Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.

(Yes)  (No)

Vice-Mayor Kassandra Timothe, MPA

(Yes)  (No)

Councilman Kevin A. Burns

(Yes)  (No)

Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin

(Yes)  (No)

Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles, M.Ed.

(Yes)  (No)