

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-193

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the month of October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and affects all people regardless of age, sex, gender, race, ethnicity, ability, religion, and socioeconomic background in the City of North Miami; and

WHEREAS, National Domestic Violence Awareness Month was first declared in 1989 to acknowledge the more than 10 million adults annually who experience domestic and intimate partner violence in the United States; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence, also known as intimate partner violence, consists of a pattern of learned behavior resulting in the use of power and control of one person over a partner and/or other family members; and

WHEREAS, tactics may include physical, emotional, psychological, sexual, or financial abuse, including isolation from family, friends, and support systems; and

WHEREAS, the types of domestic violence include but are not limited to physical abuse, emotional abuse, verbal abuse, sexual abuse, financial abuse, digital abuse, psychological abuse, sexual coercion, reproductive coercion, and stalking; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a public health issue and according to the Centers for Disease Control (“CDC”), the health-related costs of intimate partner rape, physical assault, and stalking exceed \$5.8 billion each year, with nearly \$4.1 billion for direct medical and mental health services; and

WHEREAS, according to the CDC, 41% of women, 26% of men, and 54% of Transgender and nonbinary people have experienced intimate partner violence in their lifetime, and up to 10 million children are exposed to domestic violence each year; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence homicide is a public health concern that disproportionately affects women—particularly Black, Indigenous, Asian American, Latina

women, and pregnant and postpartum women—with Everytown for Gun Safety reporting that an average of 70 women are shot and killed by an intimate partner every month; and

WHEREAS, domestic Violence costs an estimated \$8.3 billion annually in medical care, mental health services, and lost productivity on the job; and

WHEREAS, women, men, and children living with domestic violence suffer higher rates of physical injuries, chronic health problems, depression, PTSD, attempted suicide, substance abuse, behavior problems for children, and homelessness; and

WHEREAS, over 4.5 million women report being threatened with a gun by an intimate partner, and access to a firearm increases the risk of intimate partner femicide by at least 400%; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami is committed to honoring the memories of those who were lost due to domestic violence homicide and those currently suffering from domestic abuse by bringing an end to this preventable epidemic through investment in awareness, education, training, violence prevention and gun control, direct service, and policy change; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami hereby designates the month of October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of North Miami.

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

Section 1. **Designation.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby designate the month of October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

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 14th day of October, 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: COUNCILWOMAN ESTIME-IRVIN

CO-SPONSORED BY: MAYOR DESULME, VICE-MAYOR TIMOTHE, AND
COUNCILMAN BURNS

Moved by: Burns

Seconded by: Estime-Irvin

Vote:

Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes) _____ (No)
Vice-Mayor Kassandra Timothe, MPA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes) _____ (No)
Councilman Kevin A. Burns	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes) _____ (No)
Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes) _____ (No)
Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles, M.Ed.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Yes) _____ (No)