

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-R-206

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

WHEREAS, on May 21, 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 (“PROS”) 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- and five-year-old children at approved public or private water safety providers throughout the County; and

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

WHEREAS, the City’s Parks and Recreation Department will continue to provide access to the Thomas Sasso Pool and certified instructional staff for Program participants during the 2025–2026 and 2026–2027 academic years, and

WHEREAS, participating children will include those participating in the County's Head Start program, The Children's Trust-funded Thrive-by-5 private childcare centers, and Miami-Dade County Public Schools kindergarten classrooms; and

WHEREAS, Collaborative Group will provide funding for the Program, including annual reimbursement to the City of North Miami Parks and Recreation Department in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for staffing and operational costs, with additional funds allocated by the County for transportation, marketing, and other program needs; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2025, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2025-R-131 authorizing the Interim City Manager to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with Miami-Dade County to formalize the City's participation in the Program; and

WHEREAS, after Council approval, Miami-Dade County transmitted a County-drafted Agreement incorporating administrative and legal revisions to the form and substance of the document; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find that approving and authorizing execution of the revised Agreement between the City of North Miami and Miami-Dade County will allow the City to continue participating in the Zero Drownings Miami-Dade Program, further promoting child safety, community health, and 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 City Manager.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby authorize the City Manager to execute the revised agreement between the City of North Miami and Miami-Dade County for water safety education and instruction services as part of the Zero Drownings Miami-Dade Program, with an annual reimbursement amount not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

Section 2. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 4 - 0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 28th 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: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: Estime-Irvin

Seconded by: Timothe

Vote:

Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.	<u> </u> (Yes) <u> </u> (No) <u>Absent</u>
Vice-Mayor Kassandra Timothe, MPA	<u>X</u> (Yes) <u> </u> (No)
Councilman Kevin A. Burns	<u>X</u> (Yes) <u> </u> (No)
Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin	<u>X</u> (Yes) <u> </u> (No)
Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles, M.Ed.	<u>X</u> (Yes) <u> </u> (No)