

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE RETIREMENT OF MOUNTED PATROL HORSE "POUNCE" FROM ACTIVE SERVICE WITH THE NORTH MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT AND APPROVING THE DONATION OF MOUNTED PATROL HORSE "POUNCE" TO RETIRED NORTH MIAMI POLICE OFFICER NELSON SEDA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Mounted Patrol Horse "Pounce" is an eighteen (18) year-old Percheron gelding who has served with the City of North Miami Police Department Mounted Patrol Unit for approximately six (6) years; and

WHEREAS, Pounce has been diagnosed with chronic anhidrosis, a medical condition that prevents him from sweating and properly regulating his body temperature; and

WHEREAS, this condition presents a significant health risk in South Florida's hot and humid climate, where Pounce experiences severe heat intolerance, increased respiratory effort, and reduced tolerance to physical activity; and

WHEREAS, Pounce's attending veterinarian has recommended retirement from active police service to protect his health and welfare, as continued service would endanger his well-being and impair his ability to perform mounted patrol duties safely and effectively; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief, by and through the City Manager, has determined that Pounce is no longer able to fulfill the duties required of a Mounted Patrol Horse for the North Miami Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Retired North Miami Police Officer Nelson Seda has expressed a desire to adopt Mounted Patrol Horse Pounce and provide a suitable home, proper care, and a comfortable environment following retirement; and

WHEREAS, the North Miami Police Department supports the donation of Mounted Patrol Horse Pounce to Retired Officer Nelson Seda to ensure his continued care and quality of life after retirement; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find it in the best interest of the City and in the spirit of humane animal care to authorize the retirement and donation of Mounted Patrol Horse Pouncer to Retired Officer Nelson Seda.

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

Section 1. Authorization of the City Manager. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby authorize the City Manager to retire Mounted Patrol Horse "Pouncer" from active police service and to donate Pouncer to Retired North Miami Police Officer Nelson Seda and to execute a Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit 1."

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 November, 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: Charles

Seconded by: Desulme

Vote:

Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Vice-Mayor Kassandra Timothe, MPA

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilman Kevin A. Burns

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles, M.Ed.

X (Yes) _____ (No)