

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-R-145

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE RETIREMENT OF POLICE DOG CHASE AND AWARDING POLICE DOG CHASE TO POLICE OFFICER OTONIEL FERNANDEZ; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, Police Dog Chase served the City of North Miami for six (6) years as a K-9 partner apprehending violent criminals and detecting illegal and dangerous narcotics; and

**WHEREAS**, after years of dedicated service, Police Dog Chase has developed degenerative myelopathy and is unable to continue in the capacity of a K-9 officer and will retire from active service; and

**WHEREAS**, it is customary for retired police dogs to be awarded to their police officer partners who have cared for them throughout the years; and

**WHEREAS**, Police Officer Otoniel Fernandez desires to have Police Dog Chase reside in his care and custody; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Miami has no further use of Police Dog Chase and wishes to award Officer Fernandez with Police Dog Chase in recognition of their service together.

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

**Section 1.**     **Authority to Award.** The Police Chief, by and through, the City Manager is authorized to retire Police Dog Chase from active service and declare he is no longer of use to the City of North Miami Police Department as a K-9 officer. The care, custody, and ownership of Police Dog Chase is hereby awarded to Police Officer Otoniel Fernandez.

**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 December, 2019.

  
PHILIPPE BIEN-AIME  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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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: Galvin

Seconded by: Keys

**Vote:**

Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Vice Mayor Carol Keys, Esq.	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Councilman Scott Galvin	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Councilman Alix Desulme, Ed.D.	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)