

RESOLUTION NO. 98-45

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD IN THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI

**WHEREAS**, on July 9, 1996 the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami established a Community Relations Board (C.R.B.), pursuant to Resolution No. 96-42, which provided for the C.R.B. to function until June 30, 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility and moral imperative of the elected and appointed representatives of City government to foster mutual understanding, tolerance and respect among all economic, social, religious and ethnic groups in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to carry out such goals, as well as, among other matters, to act as a conciliator in controversies involving community relations, to cooperate with Federal, State and local agencies in developing harmonious community relations, and to accept grants and donations for the purposes of carrying out such objectives, subject to the approval of the City Council, the City desires to permanently establish a Community Relations Board.

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

**Section 1. Creation of Board.** There is hereby created and established in North Miami an advisory Board to be known as the City of North Miami Community Relations Board.

**Section 2. Purpose.** The purpose of the Community Relations Board shall be to assist in the conciliation of community matters to help foster harmony while recognizing and appreciating the diverse nature of the population of the City.

**Section 3. Membership; qualifications; terms.** The Board shall consist of nine (9) members, with the Mayor and City Council to each appoint one member and with four (4) members to be appointed by the entire Mayor and City Council. The membership of the Board shall be representative of the various social, racial, religious, linguistic, cultural, and economic groups comprising the population of the City. Each member shall be a resident of North Miami, with an outstanding reputation for community pride, interest, integrity, responsibility, and business or professional ability. Members shall be appointed for terms of two years. Any member who for any reason misses either two consecutive meetings or a total of three meetings shall automatically cease being a member of the Board. Any member may also be removed by a three-fifths vote of the City Council. In filling any vacancy, the City Council shall select the replacement Board member from a list of three (3) candidates to be submitted by the remaining members of the Board. Members shall

receive compensation of \$10 per meeting, and shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in official duties, as may be determined and approved by the City Council.

**Section 4. Organization; quorum; voting; rules of procedures; records of meetings.** The members of the Board shall select and designate from its members a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary. Five (5) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. No action shall be taken except by a majority vote of those present at a duly constituted meeting of the Board. The Board may adopt By-Laws governing its meetings and actions on matters within its jurisdiction, not inconsistent with the provisions of this article, which By-laws shall be filed with the City Clerk. Copies of the minutes of all Board meetings shall be furnished to the City Council.

**Section 5. Staff.** The administrative and legal staff of the City shall act as staff to the Board.

**Section 6. Duties and functions.** The functions of the Board shall be:

- (a) To foster mutual understanding, tolerance, and respect among all economic, social, religious, racial and ethnic groups in the City.
- (b) To make studies in the field of community relations.
- (c) To act as conciliator in controversies involving community relations.
- (d) To cooperate with Federal, State, County and City agencies in developing harmonious community relations.
- (e) To cooperate in the development of educational programs dedicated to the improvement of community relations with, and to enlist the support of civic, religious, veterans, labor, industrial, commercial and eleemosynary groups, and private agencies engaged in the ideals of tolerance, mutual respect and understanding.
- (f) To recommend to the City Council such ordinances as will aid in carrying out the purposes of the Board.
- (g) To accept grants and donations on behalf of the City from foundations and others for the purpose of carrying out the above listed functions, subject to approval by the City Council.

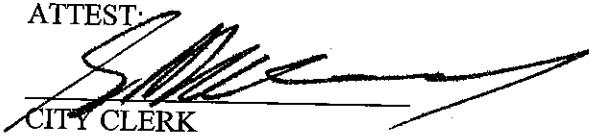
**Section 7. Repeal.** This Resolution shall repeal Resolutions 96-42 and 96-57.

**Section 8. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be effective upon passage by the City Council.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** by a 4-1 vote of the Mayor and Council this 8th day of September, 1998.

  
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MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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CITY ATTORNEY