RESOLUTION NO. 2020-R-44

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, URGING GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS TO PROVIDE THE FLORIDA NATIONAL GUARD TO MEDICALLY SCREEN ALL EXITING PASSENGERS AT MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR COVID-19 VIRAL SYMPTOMS; FURTHER URGING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND OTHER MUNICIPALITIES TO ASSIST IN THIS EFFORT; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami (“City”) declared a State of Local Emergency on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State of Local Emergency, the City has taken all prudent actions necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Mayor and City Council that passengers arriving into Miami International Airport (“MIA”) are not being screened for any medical symptoms related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, a failure to properly screen arriving passengers into MIA puts our entire region, including the residents of the City, in danger of the further spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City has taken early and strong proactive measures to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents and failure to screen arriving passengers at MIA is contrary to these actions and could erase the clear benefits that have occurred because of the City’s actions; and

WHEREAS, other states have deployed members of their National Guard to screen arriving passengers at their airports; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida and Miami-Dade County (“County”) should both assist in screening passengers at MIA; and
WHEREAS, the City encourages other municipalities within the county to also participate in this effort.

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

Section 1. Recitals. The recitals set forth above are adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida and are incorporated herein.

Section 2. Transmittal. The City Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to Governor Ron DeSantis and all the Mayors of Miami-Dade County.

Section 3. 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 28th day of April, 2020.

ATTEST:

VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

JEFF PH. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR BIEN-AIME

Moved by: Estimé-Irvin

Seconded by: Galvin

Vote:
Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime
Vice Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.
Councilman Scott Galvin
Councilwoman Carol Keys, Esq.
Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin

X (Yes) (No)
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