

RESOLUTION No. 23-

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL SPONSORSHIPS TO FUNDACION RAYITO DE LUZ IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500.00; MYSTIC FORCE FOUNDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000.00 AND INTERAMERICAN DESIGNERS' ASSOCIATION (IDA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500.00, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-79 OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Section 2-79 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Doral ("City") governs municipal sponsorships and provides that each councilmember is allotted \$ 5,000.00 per fiscal year (contingent upon annual city budget approval), to sponsor eligible applicants whose events, services, and programs support the city's vision, mission, and values as set forth in the city's adopted strategic plan and provide a community benefit; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this section is to establish procedures for all municipal sponsorships including the disbursement of discretionary funds approved by city councilmembers to sponsor programs, services, events and charitable and civic organizations that serve a municipal purpose; and

WHEREAS, in a continued commitment to supporting non-profit organizations that embody our core values and significantly contribute to the well-being of our community, Councilman Pineyro proposes sponsorship for three foundations; and

WHEREAS, these organizations not only align with our established vision, mission, and values but also demonstrate a commitment to making a substantial impact in Doral; and

WHEREAS, Fundacion Rayito de Luz established in Doral in 2009, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to supporting children with disabilities and vulnerable

families. At the heart of their work is a special program that integrates both conventional therapies, such as occupational, physical, and dialogue therapy, as well as unconventional therapies, including aqua therapy, equine therapy, and dolphin therapy; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 2-79 of Municipal Sponsorships, Councilman Rafael Pineyro proposes a donation of \$1,500.00 (One thousand, five hundred dollars) to Fundacion Rayito de Luz; and

WHEREAS, the Mystic Force Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit public charity dedicated to raising awareness and funds for Childhood Cancer Research. They offer crucial support to children and families as they navigate through the challenges of battling this devastating disease; and

WHEREAS, among the beneficiaries of this support is a very special resident of Doral, Megan Venus, affectionately known as “Megan the Warrior” diagnosed with Leukemia at the age of 7; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 2-79 of Municipal Sponsorships, Councilman Rafael Pineyro proposes a donation of \$2,000.00 (Two thousand dollars) to Mystic Force Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Interamerican Designers Association (IDA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization headquartered in Doral. Dedicated to supporting its members, IDA provides a comprehensive platform offering networking opportunities, educational resources, licensures, products, services, programs, and information tailored to meet their professional needs; and

WHEREAS, IDA has played a pivotal role in bringing globally renowned artists to the City of Doral, hosting exhibitions, and organizing cultural events such as SUMARTE in 2023; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 2-79 of Municipal Sponsorships, Councilman Rafael Pineyro proposes a donation of \$1,500.00 (One thousand, five hundred dollars) to The Interamerican Designers Association; and

WHEREAS, each of the selected foundations champions distinct causes that are integral to the fabric of the society and closely aligns with the aspirations of the City of Doral; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the proposed municipal sponsorship complies with Section 2-79 of the City's Code of Ordinances, and finds that the donations to the Foundations mentioned serve a municipal purpose.

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

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.

Section 2. Approval & Authorization. The Mayor and City Council hereby approve the municipal sponsorship proposed by Councilman Rafael Pineyro to Fundacion Rayito de Luz, Mystic Force Foundation, and Interamerican Designers Association. The City Manager is hereby authorized to expend the budgeted funds.

Section 3. Implementation. The City Manager is hereby authorized to take such action as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 4. Effective Date. The Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Councilman Rafael Pineyro.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by _____ who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Christi Fraga	_____
Vice Mayor Oscar Puig-Corve	_____
Councilwoman Digna Cabral	_____
Councilman Rafael Pineyro	_____
Councilwoman Maureen Porras	_____

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10 day of April, 2024.

CHRISTI FRAGA, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CONNIE DIAZ, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF DORAL ONLY:

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