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Date: April 10, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers

From: Kathie Brooks  
Interim City Manager

Department: Edwin Lopez  
Chief of Police

Subject: **Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Doral and the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management**

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## **Introduction**

The Police Department respectfully requests that the Mayor and City Council Members authorize the Police Department to enter a Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Doral and the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management.

## **Background**

The State of Florida is vulnerable to a wide range of disasters that are likely to cause the disruption of essential services and the destruction of the infrastructure needed to deliver those services. Such disasters are likely to exceed the capability of any one local government to cope with the emergency with existing resources and may also give rise to unusual technical needs that the local government may be unable to meet with existing resources, but that other local governments may be able to offer. The Emergency Management Act provides each local government of the state the authority to develop and enter into mutual aid agreements within the state for reciprocal emergency aid and assistance in case of emergencies too extensive to be dealt with unassisted, and through such agreements to ensure the timely reimbursement of costs incurred by the local governments which render such assistance.

**Strategic Plan Alignment**

This item is aligned with the Public Safety Strategic Goal, as it will assist in continuing to ensure the well-being and security of residents, maintain social order, support economic growth, foster community engagement, and improve the overall quality of life for residents.

**Recommendation**

The City Manager's Office respectfully requests the Mayor and City Councilmembers authorize the Resolution authorizing the Police Department to enter into the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement between City of Doral and the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management.

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