

RESOLUTION No. 24-

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL SPONSORSHIPS TO GLORIA M. SILVERIO FOUNDATION (DBA – A SAFE HAVEN FOR NEWBORNS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00; AND VENEZUELA AWARENESS FOUNDATION, INC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000.00, 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, Vice Mayor Puig- Corvé proposes sponsorship for two foundations; and

WHEREAS, the Gloria M. Silverio Foundation Incorporated dba A Safe Haven for Newborns (Safe Haven) was founded over 23 years ago to provide emotional and spiritual support and food for children under the custody of the Department of Children and Families' (DCF) Child Protective Services; and

WHEREAS, in the year 2000, the Florida Legislature passed a Safe Haven Law, and as the tragedy of newborn abandonment in Florida increased, Safe Haven began helping mothers looking to place their newborns in caring arms - saving the babies from abuse, abandonment and crisis; and

WHEREAS, the widespread success of Safe Haven and public awareness efforts have resulted in reaching all 67 Florida Counties, establishing a volunteer network, and a partnership with the Florida Fire Chiefs Association, Emergency Medical Services, and varied hospitals; and

WHEREAS, Safe Haven has successfully assisted over 6,000 women in their time of crisis, provided essential life needs to 458 newborns, with 66 babies in Miami Dade County alone; and

WHEREAS, today “Safe Haven for Newborns” is a 24/7 multilingual helpline with access to clinics, hospitals, Crisis Pregnancy Centers, Counselors, Homes/Shelters for pregnant women and mothers, and the only program office is at El Paraiso Plaza, 6955 NW 77th Ave; and

WHEREAS, the population growth in Doral and of Miami-Dade County is exponential and conflicted mothers and their babies need access to the crucial resources and services of Safe Haven; and

WHEREAS, Vice Mayor Oscar Puig-Corvé wishes to support the Gloria M. Silverio Foundation Incorporated dba A Safe Haven for Newborns by donating \$1,000, in compliance with Section 2-79 of the City Code of Ordinances, and finds that this donation serves a municipal purpose.

WHEREAS, Venezuela Awareness Foundation Inc. was founded 20 years ago to support Venezuelans newly arrived to South Florida; and

WHEREAS, quickly, the Venezuelan diaspora to South Florida and particularly to Doral, grew as did their needs; and

WHEREAS, the Venezuela Awareness Foundation responded to the growing needs by creating a network and a system whereby accessibility to basic human essentials like food, clothing, furniture, and more were provided; and

WHEREAS, as the lack of opportunity and the instability of Venezuela's government grew, the Venezuela Awareness Foundation responded by creating partnerships, adding workshops and resources on issues such as human rights, political prisoners, immigration, asylum seekers, citizenship and more; and

WHEREAS, to date and since its inception, the Venezuela Awareness Foundation has assisted more than 30,000 immigrants; and

WHEREAS, almost 10 years ago, seeing the growing needs, the team at the Venezuelan Awareness Foundation began offering their services to any immigrant regardless of their nationality; and

WHEREAS, Vice Mayor Oscar Puig-Corvé wishes to sponsor this organization by donating \$2,000 of the \$5,000 allotted to him and in compliance with Section 2-79 of the City Code of Ordinances, and finds that this donation serves 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 Vice Mayor Puig-Corvé to Gloria M. Silverio Foundation Incorporated dba A Safe Haven for Newborns and Venezuela Awareness Foundation, Inc. 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 Vice Mayor Puig-Corvé.

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 14 day of August, 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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