

RESOLUTION No. 24-

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL SPONSORSHIPS TO FRIENDS UNITED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00; AND AMOR Y FUERZA FOUNDATION 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, Councilwoman Cabral proposes sponsorship for two foundations; and

WHEREAS, Friends United is a nonprofit organization based in Miami, Florida, dedicated to delivering essential primary healthcare services to underserved communities in the Dominican Republic and South Florida; and

WHEREAS, Friends United's mission is to tackle healthcare inequalities both locally and abroad by increasing access to primary healthcare, educating patients, and raising community awareness about critical health issues; and

WHEREAS, Friends United is a coalition of health professionals, students, and community leaders who unite to make a difference by organizing medical mission trips to provide comprehensive healthcare services, including cervical and breast cancer screenings, health education, and treatment for preventable diseases; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 2-79 of Municipal Sponsorships, Councilwoman Digna Cabral proposes a donation of \$1,000.00 to Friends United; and

WHEREAS, "Amor y Fuerza" is a nonprofit organization based in Miami, Florida, dedicated to empowering and uplifting communities through compassionate and impactful initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the organization's mission is to foster positive change in Miami, Honduras, Nicaragua, Venezuela, and beyond by addressing diverse needs through their core pillars, which guide their efforts to support and enhance lives; and

WHEREAS, the core pillars of "Amor y Fuerza" include:

- Education and Support for Low-Income Schools (Miami): Enhancing educational experiences for students in low-income schools in Miami by providing essential resources, including uniforms, toys, and school supplies, and supporting communities by covering food expenses for special events such as Thanksgiving dinners.

- Aiding the Homeless Population (Miami): Addressing the immediate needs of the homeless population in Miami by distributing essential items such as food, clothing, and hygiene kits, and providing crucial support during difficult times.

- Enhancing the Lives of the Elderly (Honduras and Nicaragua): Improving the quality of life for the elderly through the "3ra Edad" Program by providing necessities and

hygiene items, and organizing entertainment events filled with music, food, and joy to foster a sense of community and well-being among older adults.

- Revitalizing Rural School Environments (Honduras and Nicaragua): Supporting the improvement of rural school environments by supplying desks, boards, fans, and electricity to schools, providing basic school supplies, and contributing to the overall enhancement of school facilities to create a better learning environment for students in underserved areas.

- International Outreach and Expansion: Committed to expanding support to other regions in need by building strong, sustainable partnerships and addressing local challenges to make a meaningful impact on communities around the world.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 2-79 of Municipal Sponsorships, Councilwoman Digna Cabral proposes a donation of \$1,500.00 to “Amor y Fuerza”; and

WHEREAS, each of the selected foundations empower and advance their important work within the community, and by supporting this together, we can create a bright future of awareness and diversity; 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 Councilwoman Digna Cabral to Friends United and “Amor y Fuerza”. 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 Councilwoman Digna Cabral.

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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