

RESOLUTION No. 26-

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ESTABLISH A "DORAL READY SQUAD" HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S SILVER CLUB AND THE MILITARY AFFAIRS ADVISORY BOARD, PAIRING VETERAN AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT VOLUNTEER TEAMS THROUGH OUR STUDENT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Doral ("City") lies within a designated storm surge area and, like the rest of Miami-Dade County, faces significant risk from tropical storms and hurricanes each year; and

WHEREAS, the City provides extensive hurricane preparedness resources and information to residents, but does not currently offer a program that directly matches volunteers with elderly or disabled residents who need physical assistance preparing their homes before a storm; and

WHEREAS, the City's Military Affairs Advisory Board provides an established mechanism for engaging Doral's veteran community and local high school students in civic service, and pairing veteran and student volunteers would provide an added layer of experience, mentorship, and supervision for each volunteer team; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department's Silver Club serves the City's active older adult population and provides a natural point of contact for identifying Silver Club members interested in receiving volunteer assistance with hurricane preparedness; and

WHEREAS, peer municipalities, including the Town of Miami Lakes, have successfully implemented similar volunteer-matching hurricane preparedness programs pairing youth volunteers with elderly and disabled residents to assist with pre- and post-storm tasks; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that establishing a "Doral Ready Squad" program, in conjunction with the Silver Club and Military Affairs Advisory Board, would strengthen intergenerational and veteran-community ties, promote youth civic engagement, honor the service of Doral's veterans, and improve hurricane readiness for the City's senior and disabled residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it in the best interest of the City and its residents to direct the City Manager to establish such a program.

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. Establishment of Program. The City Manager, or designee, is hereby directed to establish a program known as the "Doral Ready Squad," in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Department's Silver Club and the Military Affairs Advisory Board, for the purpose of pairing veteran and high school student volunteer teams with Silver Club members who request assistance preparing their homes before and after a hurricane.

Section 3. Program Structure. The program shall operate as follows:

- The Parks and Recreation Department shall coordinate registration of interested Silver Club members requesting hurricane preparedness assistance;
- The Military Affairs Advisory Board shall recruit and coordinate the participation of veteran volunteers and eligible high school student volunteers, ages sixteen (16) to eighteen (18), pairing one veteran volunteer with one high school student volunteer per resident request;
- Volunteer assistance shall be limited to non-hazardous tasks, including hanging hurricane shutters, securing yard items, assisting with sandbag pickup and placement, and light post-storm debris cleanup;
- Youth volunteers under eighteen (18) years of age shall provide parental or guardian consent; the paired veteran volunteer on each team shall serve as the responsible accompanying adult during all program activities; and
- Participation by student volunteers may count toward the City's existing Student in Action community service hours program.

Section 4. Activation. The Doral Ready Squad shall be activated for volunteer matching once the City is under an active hurricane watch or warning, and shall stand down once the watch or warning has been lifted, except for coordination of post-storm cleanup assistance as needed.

Section 5. Annual Evaluation. Following the conclusion of each hurricane season, the City Manager shall submit a written evaluation to the City Council assessing volunteer and resident participation and outcomes, together with any recommended changes to the program.

Section 6. Implementation. The City Manager and City Attorney are authorized to take any additional actions necessary to implement this Resolution, including making any modifications, executing any documents and addendums as necessary to effectuate this Resolution, provided that such actions remain consistent with the Council's intent.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Councilwoman Nicole Reinoso.

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 Digna Cabral	_____
Councilman Rafael Pineyro	_____
Councilwoman Maureen Porras	_____
Councilwoman Nicole Reinoso	_____

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12 day of August, 2026.

CHRISTI FRAGA, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CONNIE DIAZ, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
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