

RESOLUTION No. 24-

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL SPONSORSHIPS TO BOOKS FOR YOU MIAMI IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00, AND CARNAVAL DE BARRANQUILLA MIAMI USA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00, 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, Councilwoman Porras proposes sponsorship for three foundations; and

WHEREAS, Books For You Miami is a nonprofit organization founded by Alejandro Barriga in March 2020. The organization was created in response to the critical need for access to educational materials for children and communities in underserved areas; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, Books For You Miami has redistributed over 200,000 books and educational materials, impacting over 400,000 individuals both locally in South Florida and internationally; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 2-79 of Municipal Sponsorships, Councilwoman Maureen Porras proposes a donation of \$1,000.00 to Books For You Miami; and

WHEREAS, Carnaval de Barranquilla Miami USA is a nonprofit organization that has been promoting and celebrating the rich traditions of Barranquilla's Carnival in South Florida since 1997. The Carnival is not only a cultural festivity but also a platform for social inclusion, particularly for special needs individuals, who are fully integrated into the events; and

WHEREAS, for the past four years, the organization has crowned a "King Momo Especial," a special needs participant who takes part in all Carnival activities. The foundation provides free classes and support, fostering the social and personal development of these participants while preserving and promoting Colombian cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 2-79 of Municipal Sponsorships, Councilwoman Maureen Porras proposes a donation of \$1,000.00 to Carnaval de Barranquilla Miami USA; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the proposed municipal sponsorships comply 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 sponsorships proposed by Councilwoman Maureen Porras to Books For You Miami, and Carnaval de Barranquilla Miami USA. 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 Maureen Porras.

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 11 day of September, 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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