



CITY OF DORAL COUNCIL MEETING MEMORANDUM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

ITEM TITLE:

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 THRU OUR STUDENT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BRIEF HISTORY:

The City of Doral lies within a designated storm surge area and, like the rest of Miami-Dade County, faces significant hurricane risk each year. While the City provides extensive hurricane preparedness guides and resources to residents, it 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. Peer municipalities, including the Town of Miami Lakes, have successfully implemented similar volunteer-matching hurricane preparedness programs. This item directs the City Manager to establish a "Doral Ready Squad" program, in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Department's Silver Club and the Military Affairs Advisory Board, pairing one veteran volunteer with one high school student volunteer thru our student volunteer program (ages 16-18, with parental consent) per resident request, matched with Silver Club members who request assistance with non-hazardous hurricane preparedness tasks, such as hanging shutters, securing yard items, and sandbag assistance. Pairing each student with a veteran volunteer provides built-in adult supervision for each team. The program activates when the City is under an active hurricane watch or warning, with student participation counting toward the City's existing Student in Action community service hours program. Following each hurricane season, the City Manager will provide Council with an evaluation of participation and outcomes.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION: (IF APPLICABLE)

Date:	Resolution/Ordinance No.	Comments

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

The proposed item has a fiscal impact on revenues and/or expenditures in the amount of:

☒ \$50,000.00 or less

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the accompanying resolution directing the City Manager to establish a "Doral Ready Squad" hurricane preparedness volunteer program, in conjunction with the Silver Club and Military Affairs Advisory Board, pairing veteran and high school student volunteer teams, with an annual evaluation report to Council following each hurricane season.

ATTACHMENT(S):

A. Draft Resolution.