

RESOLUTION No. 20-162

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM MIAMI-DADE COUNTY MAYOR CARLOS GIMENEZ AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSIONER JOSE “PEPE” DIAZ TO FUND THE EMERGENCY RENTAL AND MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO MAYOR CARLOS GIMENEZ AND MIAMI-DADE COMMISSIONER JOSE “PEPE” DIAZ; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the economic shock from the coronavirus pandemic has been sudden and unprecedented; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (“CARES”) Act was signed into law on March 27, 2020 and appropriated \$150 billion of direct federal funding for state and local governments to address unforeseen financial needs and risks created by the Novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, because of protective orders necessary to slow the spread of this virus, many businesses have closed or significantly reduced, and many individuals have become unemployed through no fault of their own and are experiencing rental and mortgage hardships; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Florida has issued Executive Order has established a moratorium on residential evictions and foreclosures but the Executive Order only delays the prosecution of an eviction or foreclosure but does not assist residents with paying the rent or mortgage during this time; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) appropriated nearly half a billion dollars (\$474,085,078.50) to Miami-Dade

County (“County”), making this the highest amount in direct federal funding to any eligible local government in the State; and

WHEREAS, the City does not currently receive federal funding to assist with housing programs and rental subsidies; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that a public purpose exists for expending funds to assist residents in making rental and mortgage payments and is proposing an allocation of \$500,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the City is now seeking financial assistance in the form of reimbursements and grants to establish a rental and mortgage assistance program to assist residents impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The foregoing “Whereas” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

Section 2. The Mayor and City Council establish a Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program to assist residents impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency to be funded by the CARES Act dollars appropriated by Miami Dade County for municipalities.

Section 3. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez and Miami-Dade County Commissioner Jose “Pepe” Diaz.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Councilmember Cabrera who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mariaca and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez	Yes
Vice Mayor Christi Fraga	Yes
Councilwoman Digna Cabral	Yes
Councilman Pete Cabrera	Yes
Councilwoman Claudia Mariaca	Yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12 day of August, 2020.



JUAN CARLOS BERMUDEZ, 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:



LUIS FIGUEREDO, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY