RESOLUTION No. 24-185

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES AS FIRST RESPONDERS AS FEDERALLY MANDATED; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS RESPONDER SYMBOL AS ADOPTED BY THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION (APWA); AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE AIMS OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, in 2003, President George W. Bush issued a Presidential Policy Directive 8 (PPD-8) officially recognizing Public Works as First Responders; and

WHEREAS, Public Works First Responders tackle emergency interruptions and are prepared to intervene when there is a natural disaster by responding rapidly and understanding the importance of the role they play; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of Public Works First Responders represent an essential function protecting our citizens and communities that no other agency provides; and

WHEREAS, in the National Incident Management System (NIMS) list Public Works alongside Police, Fire, and Public Health workers in its documentation; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the APWA announced the Association's adoption of a National Public Works Responder symbol to be used throughout North America to recognize Public Works professionals as First Responders; and

WHEREAS, the City of Doral would like to authorize the City of Doral Public Works Department to use the Public Works Responder Symbol, as adopted by the National Public Works Association, and to ensure the symbol is display wherever appropriate and can raise awareness among all citizens, government officials, and

other first responders about the critical role Public Works plays in emergency management efforts; and

WHEREAS, in response to Federal Mandate, the Mayor and City Council would like to designate the City of Doral Public Works employees as First Responders.

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

<u>Section 1.</u> <u>Recitals.</u> The above recitals are confirmed, adopted, and incorporated herein and made a part hereof by this reference.

<u>Section 2.</u> The employees of the City of Doral Public Works Department are hereby recognized as First Responders as federally mandated. The Public Works Respond Symbol, as adopted by the APWA, is hereby authorized for use by the City of Doral Public Works Department.

Section 3. Authorization. The City Manager is hereby authorized to do all things necessary to carry out the aims of this resolution.

<u>Section 4.</u> <u>Implementation.</u> The City Manager and the City Attorney are hereby authorized to take such further action as may be necessary to implement the purpose and the provisions of this Resolution.

<u>Section 5.</u> <u>Effective Date.</u> This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Councilmember Pineyro who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Puig-Corve and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Christi Fraga	Yes
Vice Mayor Oscar Puig-Corve	Yes
Councilwoman Digna Cabral	Yes
Councilman Rafael Pineyro	Yes
Councilwoman Maureen Porras	Yes

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:

LORENZO COBIELLA

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CITY ATTORNEY