

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-R-114

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, URGING THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO APPROPRIATE LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP) FUNDING OF AT LEAST \$3.39 BILLION FOR THE 2016 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (“LIHEAP”) is an essential resource for our communities’ most underserved populations, including the working poor, the disabled and the elderly living on low fixed incomes; and

WHEREAS, LIHEAP is an exceptionally efficient and targeted program, with state block grants flowing to local agencies which provide short-term, mostly one-time, assistance to help cover a portion of their heating costs in the winter and cooling costs in the summer; and

WHEREAS, LIHEAP prevents low-income families from having to choose between paying to heat or cool their homes or purchasing necessary medications and food; and

WHEREAS, energy costs continue to place an enormous burden on the budgets of low-income households; and

WHEREAS, total funding for LIHEAP has declined by more than thirty (30) percent in recent years and the number of households served fell from approximately 8.1 million to 6.7 million; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of North Miami find that the LIHEAP program is an essential resource for North Miami residents and therefore urge the Appropriations Committee of the United States House of Representatives and members of Congress to appropriate LIHEAP funding of at least \$3.39 billion for the 2016 Fiscal Year Budget.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Mayor and City Council Recommendation. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby urge the Appropriations Committee of the United

States House of Representatives and members Congress to appropriate LIHEAP funding of at least \$3.39 billion for the 2016 Fiscal Year Budget.

Section 2. Direction to the City Clerk. The City Clerk is directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives and all members of Congress of the United States.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 5 - 0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 27th day of October, 2015.

DR. SMITH JOSEPH
MAYOR

ATTEST:



MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



ROLAND C. GALDOS, ESQ.
INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN ALIX DESULME

Moved by: Galvin

Seconded by: Desulme

Vote:

Mayor Smith Joseph, D.O., Pharm. D.
Vice Mayor Carol Keys, Esq.
Councilman Scott Galvin
Councilman Philippe Bien-Aime
Councilman Alix Desulme

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