

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-R-20**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH A TAX EXEMPT, NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, WITH THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE NOMI FOOD PANTRY PROGRAM, AND TO SOLICIT AND ACCEPT CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS AND GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, on October 25, 2019 the City of North Miami (“City”) partnered with Feeding South Florida to establish North Miami’s first community food pantry; and

**WHEREAS**, due the Covid-19 pandemic, a vast amount of Americans are under severe economic constraints and the community’s needs have grown exponentially; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to independently launch the “NOMI Food Pantry” to better utilize its resources to address the growing demand for food security, especially for those that solely rely on North Miami’s food pantry for their nutritional needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of the NOMI Food Pantry is to provide North Miami residents with access to a fully stocked community food pantry to ensure that no residents are left to struggle with food insecurity due to financial constraints; and

**WHEREAS**, in line with its commitment to provide a community food pantry for its residents, the City administration seeks to establish the formation of a tax exempt, not-for-profit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (“Organization”); and

**WHEREAS**, the formation of the Organization would make possible the solicitation and acceptance of financial contributions from the general public, public or private institutions and governmental agencies, in order to achieve the goals and mission of providing assistance for those in need; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Mayor and City Council to support and promote the establishment of an Organization, in accordance with Florida law, to support its mission of

providing assistance to residents who are unable to afford food and groceries due to their economic status and meet the program requirements.

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


**Section 1.      City Manager's Authorization.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to do all things necessary to establish a tax exempt, not-for-profit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, with the purpose of supporting the City's NOMI Food Pantry program.

**Section 2.      Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by a 4-0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 23rd day of February, 2021.

  
PHILIPPE BIEN-AIME  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

  
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JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.  
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: Galvin

Seconded by: Bien-Aime

**Vote:**

Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime

  X   (Yes)        (No)

Vice Mayor Scott Galvin

  X   (Yes)        (No)

Councilwoman Carol Keys, Esq.

  X   (Yes)        (No)

Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin

  X   (Yes)        (No)

Councilman Alix Desulme, Ed.D.

       (Yes)        (No) Absent