

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-R-192

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE “ALYSSA MACK-LIE LUCIEN LEARN TO SWIM PROGRAM”, TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Alyssa Mack-Lie Lucien was born November 4, 2003, in Cap Haitian, Haiti and came to reside in Miami, Florida with her parents Samuel Lucien and Anaira Baptiste-Lucien on May 5, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Alyssa’s educational journey included attendance at local educational institutions including, Benjamin Franklin Elementary school, the Miami Union Adventist Academy, and Miami Central Senior High School; and

WHEREAS, Alyssa Mack-Lie Lucien was an active member of the City of North Miami (“City”) Youth Council, serving in the capacity as Youth City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, Alyssa Mack-Lie Lucien was a bright student with high aspirations to enter the Navy branch of the military service and to eventually become a lawyer; and

WHEREAS, tragically, Alyssa Mack-Lie Lucien’s dreams were cut short when she lost her life on May 13, 2022, at too early of an age; and

WHEREAS, the City is devastated by this loss and is desirous of offering a youth aquatic program to ensure that all children in our community will have the ability to learn to swim; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Parks and Recreation Department (“Parks Department”) has developed a Learn to Swim Program for ages four (4) up to adults, to be located at the Thomas Sasso Pool; and

WHEREAS, sessions will be offered year round, with eight (8) lessons per session, and classes lasting about 30-45 minutes long; and

WHEREAS, classes will be geared to different levels that allow the participant to start with the basic skills and move on to stroke technique and proper swim form with instructors that are American Red Cross certified to ensure water safety of all participants; and

WHEREAS, not only do swim lessons serve as a life-saving resource by reducing the risk of drowning and improving water safety skills, swimming is a fun way to stay active and encourage healthy living by creating a love and respect for water early on, while building confidence that will stay with them the rest of their lives; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council are in support of establishing a Learn to Swim Program in honor of Alyssa Mack-Lie Lucien; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council find that the proposed program is a life-saving resource for the youth and adults in our community, and in that it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to establish the “Alyssa Mack-Lie Lucien Learn to Swim Program”.

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

Section 1. **Adoption of Program.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby authorize the establishment of the “Alyssa Mack-Lie Lucien Learn to Swim Program”, to be administered by the City of North Miami Parks and Recreation Department.

Section 2. **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 18th day of November , 2022.


PHILIPPE BIEN-AIME
MAYOR

ATTEST:



VANESSA JOSPEH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: VICE MAYOR DESULME

Moved by: Galvin

Seconded by: Estimé-Irvin

Vote:

Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Vice Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Councilman Scott Galvin	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Councilwoman Kassandra Timothe, MPA	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)
Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	_____	(No)