

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO CREATE THE OFFICE OF AGING AND WELLNESS WITHIN A PARTICULAR CITY DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM FOR SENIORS UPON THE OPENING OF THE NEW SENIOR CENTER IN THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH; FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO CREATE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE A PRIORITY SERVICE LINE FOR SENIORS WHO ARE SIXTY-FIVE (65) YEARS OR OLDER TO FACILITATE THE PAYMENT OF UTILITY BILLS IN CITY HALL; PROVIDING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY WITH THE AUTHORITY TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of North Miami Beach is dedicated to helping seniors improve or maintain choice, independence and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the City has an obligation to improve the quality life of senior citizens in North Miami Beach;

WHEREAS, there are numerous social and economic benefits to building a community that promotes and protects the quality of life of seniors; and

WHEREAS, while the City currently provides a myriad of services to seniors, it is essential for the City Manager or designee to create an Office of Aging and Wellness to centralize the delivery of services to seniors upon the opening of the new Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Aging and Wellness will focus on delivering the following services to seniors in North Miami Beach:

- (a) establish a resource center to provide seniors critical information on senior programs such as social security and medicare;
- (b) increase seniors' participation in available City programs for older residents;
- (c) promote seniors' health and wellness;
- (d) establish a welfare check program for seniors with NMB police department;
- (e) establish a convenient utility bills payment portal for seniors at the Senior Center.

WHEREAS, in addition to directing the City Manager or designee to create the Office of Aging and Wellness upon the opening of the Senior Center, the City Commission directs the City Manager or designee to create as soon as possible a priority service line for seniors, who are sixty-five years (65) or older, to facilitate the payment of utility bills in City Hall; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that it is in the best interest of the City to create the Office of Aging and Wellness within the particular department to develop a comprehensive program for seniors upon the opening of the New Senior Center and to direct the City Manager or designee to create as soon as possible a priority service line for seniors who are sixty-five years (65) or older to facilitate the payment of utility bills in City Hall.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Commission of the City of North Miami Beach, Florida, that:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein.

Section 2. The City Commission hereby authorizes the City Manager, or his designee, to create the Office of Aging and Wellness upon the opening of the Senior Center and the City Commission directs the City Manager or designee to create as soon as possible a priority service line for seniors, who are sixty-five (65) years or older, to facilitate the payment of utility bills in City Hall.

Section 3. The City Manager and the City Attorney are hereby authorized to do all things necessary to effectuate this resolution.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of North Miami Beach, Florida at regular meeting assembled this **16th day of August, 2022**.

ATTEST:

ANDRISE BERNARD, MMC
CITY CLERK

(CITY SEAL)

ANTHONY F. DEFILLIPO
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

HANS OTTINOT
CITY ATTORNEY

Sponsored by: Commissioner Paule Villard and Commissioner Daniela Jean