



RESOLUTION # 2020-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AND MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI AND THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES; PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A JOINT ENFORCEMENT ZONE; PROVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AND CREATING A MULTI-AGENCY ANTI-PROSTITUTION AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE.

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables has passed and adopted a Resolution on December 10th, 2019 approving an Interlocal Agreement of the City of Coral Gables and the City of West Miami establishing the intent of the Interlocal Agreement

WHEREAS, the City of West Miami shares the concern and preoccupation of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables

WHEREAS, human sex trafficking has become an epidemic of significant consequences to the South Florida Community, such that the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office established a Human Trafficking Unit in 2012 to more effectively combat the issue. The U.S. Department of State estimates that as many as 600,000 to 800,000 individuals are trafficked across our nation's borders every year, with Florida receiving a high percentage of those victims; and

WHEREAS, the victims of human sex trafficking are often exposed to serious health risks, including sexually transmitted diseases, drug and alcohol addiction, broken bones and burns, memory loss, miscarriages or forced abortions, as well as PTSD, anxiety, fear and psychological trauma; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the governments of the City of West Miami and the City of Coral Gables to ensure the public safety of their citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of both municipalities to enter into an Interlocal and Mutual Aid Agreement to work cooperatively to combat prostitution and associated crimes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI:

SECTION 1. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.


SECTION 2. That the Commission of the City of West Miami adopted and approved the Resolution of the City of Coral Gables adopted and passed on December 10th, 2019

SECTION 3. That the Interlocal Agreement and Mutual Aid Agreement which is attached as Exhibit A be approved in substantially the form included to allow for the creation of a joint enforcement zone, the provision of law enforcement services, and the creation of a multi-agency anti-prostitution and human trafficking task force. The City Manager and City Attorney are authorized to approve modifications prior to execution of the agreement to ensure conformity between the forms of the agreement approved by the City of West Miami and City of Coral Gables and to achieve the Commission's intent.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF JANUARY 2020.

APPROVED:




RHONDA A. RODRIGUEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:



ANNERY GONZALEZ, CMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JOSE A. VILLALOBOS, CITY ATTORNEY

ROLL CALL VOTE:

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing Resolution is Commissioner Eric Diaz-Padron, Co-Sponsored by Mayor Rhonda A. Rodriguez. It was offered by Commissioner Diaz-Padron, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanca. The vote was as follows:

MAYOR RHONDA A. RODRIGUEZ	<u>Y</u>
VICE-MAYOR LUCIANO L. SUAREZ	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER CANDIDA BLANCA	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER JUAN M. BLANES	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER ERIC DIAZ-PADRON	<u>Y</u>