

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION No. 2026-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE COMMUNITY RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE A MATCHING CONTRIBUTION OF TEN (10) SWIM LESSON SCHOLARSHIPS ANNUALLY TO THE VENETIAN AQUATIC CLUB SONIA DALLAS LEARN TO SWIM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR A TWO-YEAR PERIOD FROM SUMMER 2026 THROUGH SUMMER 2028.

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables is committed to promoting public safety, youth wellness, and equitable access to recreational programming for residents of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Venetian Aquatic Club (“VAC”) is a non-profit organization established in 1959 by Coral Gables residents for the purpose of promoting water safety education and swim instruction at the historic Venetian Pool; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the unique aquatic environment of South Florida, including waterways, lakes, pools, and coastal areas, the VAC was founded to help ensure that children and adults have access to proper swimming instruction and water safety education; and

WHEREAS, the VAC established the Sonia Dallas Learn to Swim Scholarship Program to provide free swim lessons to participants who may otherwise be unable to afford swim instruction; and

WHEREAS, the Community Recreation Department has historically partnered with the VAC by providing a matching contribution of swim lesson scholarships to support the organization’s scholarship program and further expand access to life-saving swimming education opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires to continue supporting this initiative by authorizing the Community Recreation Department to provide ten (10) two-week Learn to Swim Program scholarships annually for a two-year period from Summer 2026 through Summer 2028; and

WHEREAS, the estimated fiscal impact associated with this initiative is approximately \$840 annually, representing the value of the City’s matching contribution of swim lesson scholarships;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

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 City Commission authorizes the Community Recreation Department to provide a matching contribution of ten (10) swim lesson scholarships annually to the Venetian Aquatic Club Sonia Dallas Learn to Swim Scholarship Program for a two-year period from Summer 2026 through Summer 2028.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

(Moved by _____, Seconded by _____)
(Passed 0/0 vote)

VINCE LAGO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

CRISTINA M. SUAREZ
CITY ATTORNEY