

City of Coral Gables CITY COMMISSION MEETING August 26, 2025

ITEM TITLE:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO INCLUDE A NEW LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY TO ENCOURAGE THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO INCREASE THE CURRENT PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR RESIDENTS WITH QUALIFYING DISABILITIES AND FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS DIAGNOSED WITH ALZHEIMER'S AND FOR LOW-INCOME CAREGIVERS

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

Approval.

BRIEF HISTORY:

The State of Florida currently provides certain property tax exemptions for residents with qualifying disabilities, but this exemption amount has not kept pace with the rising costs of housing and living expenses. Individuals living with Alzheimer's often require extensive care and support, which can create additional financial burdens for themselves and their families. Caregivers who provide essential services and support to individuals with disabilities or Alzheimer's disease frequently do so at great personal and financial sacrifice, and many are limited in their ability to earn income due to their caregiving responsibilities.

Increasing the amount of the current property tax exemptions for residents with qualifying disabilities and for those with Alzheimer's would provide much-needed financial relief, promote housing stability, and enhance quality of life for these individuals.

Caregivers of individuals with disabilities provide essential support services that enable people with disabilities to remain in their homes and communities. Caregivers frequently experience financial hardship due to the demands of providing care, often limiting their ability to participate fully in the workforce or access economic opportunities. Providing a property tax exemption for caregivers with limited income would help alleviate the financial burdens often experienced by caregivers.

Encouraging the State of Florida to adopt these measures aligns with the City's legislative priorities to support its vulnerable population.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION: No. Account No. **Source of Funds** Amount 1. Total: **Fiscal Impact**: To be determined based on the final legislation.

ATTACHMENT(S): 1. Resolution