



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
December 10, 2019

ITEM TITLE:

Resolution. A Resolution approving a Combined Interlocal and Mutual Aid agreement between the City of Coral Gables and the City of West Miami, providing for the creation of a joint enforcement zone, provision of law enforcement services and creating a multi-agency Anti-prostitution & Human Trafficking Task Force.

BRIEF HISTORY:

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.

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.

It is the responsibility of the governments of the City of Coral Gables and the City of West Miami to ensure the public safety of their citizens by providing adequate levels of police services and it is in the best interests of both municipalities to enter into this Interlocal Agreement and Mutual Aid Agreement to facilitate the apprehension and prosecution of these criminals both inside and outside the Cities.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Resolution
2. Combined Interlocal and Mutual Aid agreement