

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$160,000 FROM FEDERAL FORFEITED ASSET FUND (F.A.F.) MONEYS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS AND EQUIPMENT; ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE PILOTED DRONE PROGRAM BY THE CORAL GABLES POLICE DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2023-2024 ANNUAL BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE AS REVENUE THE \$160,000 AS REVENUE AND TO APPROPRIATE THE FUNDS TO BE USED FOR THE PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Police Department participates with federal law enforcement agencies of the United States Departments of Justice, Treasury and/or Homeland Security in joint law enforcement operations, and the Coral Gables Police Department's participation in those joint investigations produces federally seized funds; and

WHEREAS, at the discretion of the United States Attorney General under United States Statute 18 U.S.C. Section 981(e)(2) and 21 U.S.C. Section 881(e)(1)(a) and (e)(3)(b), the Coral Gables Police Department may lawfully retain at the conclusion of the legal proceedings the federally seized funds; and

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Police Department has identified a need for additional funding allocated to the Piloted Drone Program that will continue the use of drones to assist the agency in locating missing persons, identifying suspects, responding to in-progress crimes, and enhance security capabilities at special events; and

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Chief of Police requests to expend these funds for use by the Department for law enforcement operations and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Chief of Police certifies that the request complies with all provisions of the appropriate F.A.F. requirements as identified in the United States Justice Departments publication entitled "*Guide to Equitable Sharing for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies*"; and

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Chief of Police, Edward J. Hudak, Jr., and the Coral Gables Finance Director, Diana Gomez, attest to have deposited the sum of \$160,000 in said forfeited funds into the Coral Gables Forfeited Asset Fund; and

WHEREAS, City leadership has reviewed, vetted, and approved the Coral Gables Chief of Police's request to encumber and expend as needed the available forfeited asset funds via memorandum dated June 7, 2024; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Budget is required to recognize the \$160,000 from the Federal Asset Fund and to appropriate such funds to appropriate the funds to be used towards program.

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 Manager is hereby directed to authorize the Finance Director to expend \$160,000 from Federal Forfeited Asset Fund (F.A.F.) moneys for law enforcement equipment and operations, additional funds for the Piloted Drone Program by the Coral Gables Police Department.

Section 3. That the City Commission does hereby amend the FY 2023-2024 Annual Budget to recognize the \$160,000 from the Federal Asset Fund and to appropriate such funds to appropriate the funds to be used towards program.

Section 4. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS NINTH DAY OF JULY 2024.

(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