

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION 2025-

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION
AMENDING THE PROCEDURE FOR THE SELECTION
OF THE ROBERT DEKORTE MEMORIAL AWARD
RECIPIENT AND INCREASING THE ASSOCIATED
AWARD**

WHEREAS, The Robert DeKorte Memorial Award (the “Award”) is presented annually in memory of Robert DeKorte, a 19-year veteran of the Coral Gables Police Department who was killed in the line of duty on January 21, 1972; and,

WHEREAS, in early 1972 the City Commission adopted Resolution Nos. 17598 and 17750 establishing the Robert DeKorte Memorial Award and the procedures for selecting the Award recipients; and

WHEREAS, since 1972 the Robert DeKorte Memorial Award has been given each year to the Coral Gables police officer who best exemplifies courage, dedication, and devotion to the City; the honoree has been selected by a vote of the Executive Committee of the Police Benevolent Association and the Fraternal Order of Police, and the City presents the award winner with a plaque, \$500, and forty hours of additional annual leave; and

WHEREAS, current practice is that the Coral Gables Fraternal Order of Police Executive Board selects the winner of the Award annually and the City Commission wishes to formalize the current selection procedures; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of devotion and dedication of the Robert DeKorte Memorial Award winners, and the ultimate sacrifice made by Officer DeKorte, the City Commission wishes to increase the financial award given by the City to the Robert DeKorte Memorial Award winners to \$5,000 and revisit the amount of the Award every five years;

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

SECTION 1. That 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 Coral Gables City Commission hereby directs that the beginning with the 2024 Robert DeKorte Memorial Award, the award winner shall be presented with a plaque, as detailed in Resolution No. 18249, \$5,000, and forty hours of annual leave.

SECTION 3. That the selection of the Robert DeKorte Memorial Award winner shall be made solely by the Coral Gables Fraternal Order of Police Executive Committee.

SECTION 4. That the City Commission shall revisit and reconsider the financial award given to the Award winner every five years.

SECTION 5. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF JANUARY A.D., 2025.

(Moved: ____ / Seconded: ____)

(Yeas:)

(Unanimous:)

(Non-Agenda Item)

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

CRISTINA M. SUÁREZ
CITY ATTORNEY

