

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION 2017-159

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION
ACCEPTING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
DISABILITY AFFAIRS BOARD AND DIRECTING
STUDY AND ACTION IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH**

WHEREAS, the Advisory Board on Disability Affairs advises and provides input to City staff regarding matters affecting individuals with disabilities in an effort to support inclusion and full and effective participation of individuals with disabilities within the City of Coral Gables; and

WHEREAS, in June of 2017 the Advisory Board on Disability Affairs (the “Board”) passed two resolutions requesting action from the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, one resolution identified a need to combat social and physical isolation of post-secondary school aged adults with disabilities and urged the City to facilitate cooperation with businesses, universities and other entities and to actively engage resources towards the development of multi-dimensional cultural, social and recreational opportunities and programs in the City for post-secondary school aged adults with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the second resolution recommended that the City develop a program recognizing businesses and organizations that have demonstrated a commitment to the principles of inclusion; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to principles of inclusion in many ways, including its collaboration with the Disability Independence Group and UM-NSU CARD on the Wallet Card Program, its provision of space to the Center for Independent Living at the Youth Center, in the passage of resolutions declaring principles of inclusion for individuals with Autism and other special needs in April of 2016 and 2017, as well as passage of a resolution declaring principles of inclusion for all individuals with disabilities, passed by the City Commission in October of 2016; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission formally accepts the recommendations of the Board and directs City staff to study the programs and opportunities suggested by the Board and directs staff to take action in accordance with the results of any studies and the Board’s recommendations.

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 formally accepts the recommendations of the Coral Gables Advisory Board of Disability Affairs.

SECTION 3. That the City Commission directs City staff to study the programs and opportunities suggested by the Board in the two resolutions passed by the Board in June of 2017, and that the City Commission directs staff to take action in accordance with the results of any studies and the Board's recommendations.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS ELEVENTH DAY OF JULY, A.D., 2017.

(Moved: Lago/ Seconded: Keon)

(Yeas: Mena, Quesada, Keon, Lago, Valdes-Fauli)

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)

(Agenda Item: G-1)

APPROVED:



NAUL VALDES-FAULI
MAYOR

ATTEST:



For WALTER J. FOEMAN
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



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