RESOLUTION NO. 13-90

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, VOICING SUPPORT FOR THE CONTINUED AND UNINTERRUPTED OPERATION OF THE DORAL AND INTERNATIONAL MALL BRANCHES OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM; DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO INVESTIGATE THE POTENTIAL FOR THE CITY OF DORAL TO ACQUIRE POSSESSION OF THE DORAL AND INTERNATIONAL MALL BRANCHES: TO ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATION OF THE DORAL AND INTERNATIONAL MALL BRANCHES; TO ELIMINATE THE ANNUAL TAX THAT IS LEVIED AGAINST REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF DORAL BY MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM; AND TO RECEIVE ANY **REFUNDS FROM MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR TAX PAYMENTS** PREVIOUSLY MADE FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM THAT MAY BE DUE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City Charter for the City of Doral provides that the City shall remain a part of and receive services from the Miami-Dade Public Library System;

WHEREAS, the owners of real property within the municipal boundaries of the City of Doral have been and continued to be levied an annual tax by Miami-Dade County in return of receiving the services of the Miami-Dade County Public Library System;

WHEREAS, the Doral Branch and International Mall Branch of the Miami-Dade Public Library System are currently operating within the City of Doral;

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has recently announced the proposed closing of up to 22 branches of the library system, including the Doral branch;

WHEREAS, the public libraries in the City of Doral serve an important role in enriching and strengthening the Doral community by providing vital educational, cultural and social resources and programs for children and adults; WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Doral desire to voice their support of the continued and uninterrupted operation of the Doral and International Mall branches of the Miami-Dade County Public Library System; and

WHEREAS, City Council also desires to direct City staff to investigate the potential for the City of Doral to acquire possession of the Doral and International Mall branches; to assume full responsibility for operation of the Doral and International Mall branches; to eliminate the annual tax that is levied against real property located in the City of Doral by Miami-Dade County for the public library system; and to receive any refunds from Miami-Dade County for tax payments previously made for the public library system that may be due.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are true, correct and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Statement of Support. The City Council hereby voices its support for the continued and uninterrupted operation of the Doral and International Mall branches. The City Council also hereby directs City staff to investigate the potential for the City of Doral to acquire possession of the Doral and International Mall branches; and to assume full responsibility for operation of the Doral and International Mall branches.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Councilmember Fraga who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

> Mayor Luigi Boria Vice Mayor Bettina Rodriguez-Aguilera Councilwoman Christi Fraga Councilwoman Ana Maria Rodriguez Councilwoman Sandra Ruiz

Yes Yes Yes Yes Absent

PASSED and ADOPTED this 26th day of August, 2018

RIA, MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF DORAL ONLY:

JOHN R. HERIN, JR., CITY ATTORNEY