

**RESOLUTION No. 20-161**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM MIAMI-DADE COUNTY MAYOR CARLOS GIMENEZ AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSIONER JOSE “PEPE” DIAZ TO FUND THE SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO MAYOR CARLOS GIMENEZ AND MIAMI-DADE COMMISSIONER JOSE “PEPE” DIAZ; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (“CARES”) Act was signed into law on March 27, 2020 and appropriated \$150 billion of direct federal funding for state and local governments to address unforeseen financial needs and risks created by the Novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) public health emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, because of protective orders necessary to slow the spread of this virus, many businesses have closed or significantly reduced, and many individuals have become unemployed through no fault of their own; and

**WHEREAS**, The City recognizes that small businesses play a significant role in the community, and many of them are suffering from the impacts of COVID- 19; and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to sustain the local economy, the city is proposing an allocation of \$1,500,000.00 to fund a Small Business Stabilization and Assistance Program to provide one-time payments of rent, payroll, inventory, utilities and/ or payments for equipment or other economic recovery measures as may be deemed appropriate on behalf of qualified applicants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) appropriated nearly half a billion dollars (\$474,085,078.50) to Miami-Dade

County (“County”), making this the highest amount in direct federal funding to any eligible local government in the State; and

**WHEREAS**, small business plays a vital role in the overall health of Doral’s citizens and the City has determined that a public purpose exists for expending funds to assist small businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, resources are necessary to help businesses survive and certain small businesses reasonably require financial assistance in order to survive; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is now seeking financial assistance in the form of reimbursements and grants to establish a small business assistance program to assist businesses in Doral impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**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.** The Mayor and City Council establish a COVID-19 Small Business Stabilization and Assistance program to assist businesses impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency to be funded by the CARES Act dollars appropriated by Miami Dade County for municipalities.

**Section 3.** The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Miami- Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez and Miami-Dade County Commissioner Jose “Pepe” Diaz.

**Section 4.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption


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

Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez	Yes
Vice Mayor Christi Fraga	Yes
Councilwoman Digna Cabral	Yes
Councilman Pete Cabrera	Yes
Councilwoman Claudia Mariaca	Yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12 day of August, 2020.

  
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JUAN CARLOS BERMUDEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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CONNIE DIAZ, MMC  
CITY CLERK

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

  
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LUIS FIGUEREDO, ESQ.  
CITY ATTORNEY