RESOLUTION No. 25-29

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, BANNING ALL CAMPING AND OVERNIGHT SLEEPING ON CITY OWNED BUILDINGS OR PARKS PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE § 125.0231; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY ATTORNEY; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Doral ("City") recognizes owns several municipal building

and parks which are frequented by residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, during the 2024 legislative session, the State of Florida passed and

adopted changes to Florida Statute § 125.0231, which prohibits, with the exception of

recreational camping, all overnight camping or sleeping on County or Municipal property;

and

WHEREAS, the law provides that private individuals and entities may file suit and

seek attorney fees against a municipality that allows overnight camping or sleeping in violation of the State Statute; and

WHEREAS, from time to time there are transient homeless persons that travel through the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has an interest in the well being of its residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, the City also has an obligation to follow Florida law; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council find that it is in the City's best interest to ensure that Florida law is followed, and to specifically outlaw overnight camping and sleeping at all City buildings and parks, and to instruct our City Manager and City Attorney to find solutions and partnerships that will help the City address its transient homeless population.

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

Section 1. Recitals. The aforementioned "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby incorporated by reference.

<u>Section 2.</u> <u>Authorization</u>. The Mayor and Council hereby ban all forms of overnight camping and sleeping at all City owned buildings or parks, with an exception provided for recreational camping.

Section 3. Instruction. The Mayor and Council hereby instruct the City Manager and Attorney to address this matter in an ordinance for City Council consideration, and to bring forth a report containing possible solutions or partners that will allow the City to assist its transient homeless population.

Section 4. Implementation. The City Manager and City Attorney shall take all necessary steps to implement this Resolution.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Councilman Rafael Pineyro.

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

Mayor Christi Fraga Vice Mayor Maureen Porras Councilwoman Digna Cabral Councilman Rafael Pineyro Councilwoman Nicole Reinoso

Yes Yes Absent/Excused Yes Yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15 day of January, 2025.

CHRISTI FRAGA, MAYOR

ATTEST CONNIE DIAZ,

CITY CLERK

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

LORENZO COBIELLA GASTESI, LOPEZ, MESTRE & COBIELLA, PLLC CITY ATTORNEY