

RESOLUTION No. 2008-121-808

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE CHILDREN'S TRUST, REQUESTING THAT THE STATE OF FLORIDA CONTINUE TO FUND THE CHILDREN'S TRUST AND SUPPORTING THE PROGRAMS THAT HAVE BEEN INITIATED BY THE CHILDREN'S TRUST; URGING THE CITY'S RESIDENTS TO SUPPORT THE UPCOMING BALLOT INITIATIVE; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The Children's Trust is an independent special district that was created in order to improve children's health, development, and safety, and

WHEREAS, The Children's Trust has initiated programs to reduce violence and to keep children safe, after school and summer programs, programs to improve the educational quality of childcare, healthcare teams for public schools and the promotion of parental and community responsibility for children, and

WHEREAS, the programs that have been initiated by The Children's Trust and the work that has been completed by The Children's Trust within Miami-Dade County since its inception have benefited the children of Miami-Dade County, specifically, the Children's Trust has:

- Created health teams which include a nurse or nurse practitioner and a person with a Masters in Social Work to be placed in 100 public schools and has initiated the process to implement additional teams for this purpose;
- Created a neighborhood based outreach program to link children and families with kid care and other forms of health insurance;
- Provided more than 40,000 Miami-Dade County children with higher quality after school care and summer care;
- Spent more than \$15,000,000.00 in Fiscal Year 2007/2008 on behalf of special needs children;

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- Created a 211 hotline that parents can call 24-hour a day, 7 days a week, in English, Spanish and Haitian Creole for information, guidance and services to help children;
- Invested millions toward higher education; and
- A home visiting program being offered to first time teenage mothers in Miami-Dade County, and

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2008, there will be a ballot initiative where the voters of Miami-Dade County will determine whether or not to continue The Children's Trust and whether or not to continue the annual ad valorem tax levy of a half a mill for this service, and

WHEREAS, the programs that have been promulgated by The Children's Trust are of great benefit to the children of Miami-Dade County as well as their parents, and

WHEREAS, the programs that have been initiated by The Children's Trust have ensured that children living in Miami-Dade County have a better opportunity for improved safety, healthcare and childcare, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Miami Gardens deems it important that The Children's Trust be permitted to continue its mission within Miami-Dade County and would like to lend its support to the Children's Trust, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Miami Gardens would like to urge it's residents to vote in favor of continuing The Children's Trust.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens hereby expresses its support for The Children's Trust and the efforts that it has made in order to improve children's health, development and safety, and lend its support to The Children's Trust on its continued efforts to serve the children of Miami-Dade County. Furthermore, the City Council hereby urges its residents to vote to continue The Children's Trust.

Section 3. INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK: The City Clerk is hereby directed to submit a certified copy of this Resolution to The Children's Trust at 2800 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Suite 1111, Coral Gables, Florida 33134.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 25, 2008.

  
SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR

ATTEST.

  
RONETTA TAYLOR, CMC, CITY CLERK

PREPARED BY: SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ.  
City Attorney

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN ANDRÉ WILLIAMS

MOVED BY: Councilman Gilbert  
SECOND BY: Councilman Bratton

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**VOTE:7-0**

Mayor Shirley Gibson	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Vice Mayor Barbara Watson	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilman Melvin L. Bratton	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilman Aaron Campbell	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilman Oliver Gilbert, III	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)
Councilman André Williams	<u>X</u> (Yes)	___ (No)

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# City of Miami Gardens

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## Agenda Cover Page

Date: June 25, 2008

Fiscal Impact: No X  Yes

(If yes, explain in Staff Summary)

Funding Source:

Contract/P.O. Requirement: Yes  No

Sponsor Name/Department:

**Councilman André Williams**

Public hearing

Ordinance

1st Reading

Advertising requirement: Yes  No

RFP/RFQ # \_\_\_\_\_

Quasi-Judicial

Resolution X

2nd Reading

Yes  No

## TITLE

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## Staff Summary

Two decades ago, with the realization that the needs of children were not being met, an attempt was made by a group of individuals to address the problem. Now, six years later, through sheer strength and determination, the Children's Trust is fully entrenched in Miami-Dade County. Their funding has provided safer parks; safe neighborhoods; streets; before, after and summer schools; insurance for children and invested millions toward higher education – to name a few.

In an attempt to ensure the continuance of these and other programs sponsored in part of fully by the Children's Trust, the City Council would like to urge it's residents to vote in favor of continuing the Children's Trust.