

RESOLUTION No. 2008-96-783

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ANY AND ALL STEPS NECESSARY IN ORDER FOR THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS TO BECOME A DONATE LIFE WORKPLACE PARTNER; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Workplace Partnership for Life is a Program developed by the United States Department Health and Human Services, to encourage the workplace to support the donation of organs, tissue, bone marrow and blood, and

WHEREAS, in the United States there are approximately 96,000 people waiting for a life saving organ transplant, and each day 18 people die waiting, and

WHEREAS, the Life Alliance Organ Recovery Agency (LAORA), a division of the University of Miami's DeWitt Daughtry Family Department of Surgery, the organization responsible for coordinating organ donation efforts throughout South Florida, and

WHEREAS, LAORA has contacted the City of Miami Gardens and requested that the City of Miami Gardens become a Donate Life Workplace Partner, and through that effort agree to disseminate educational information regarding organ donation, and

WHEREAS, the City Council would like to authorize the City Manager to take any and all steps necessary for the City of Miami Gardens to become a Partner,

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. AUTHORIZATION: The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens hereby authorizes the City Manager to take any and all steps necessary in order for the City of Miami Gardens to become a Donate Life Workplace Partner and further directs that the City Manager use whatever resources may be necessary in order to disseminate information about organ donation throughout the City of Miami Gardens.

Section 3. 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 MAY 14, 2008.

ATTEST:


RONETTA TAYLOR, CMC, CITY CLERK


SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR

PREPARED BY: SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ.
City Attorney

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN OLIVER GILBERT, III

MOVED BY: Vice Mayor Watson
SECONDED BY: Councilman Bratton

VOTE: 7-0

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

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Date: May 14, 2008

Fiscal Impact: No Yes

(If yes, explain in Staff Summary)

Funding Source:

Contract/P.O. Requirement: Yes No

Sponsor Name/Department:

Councilman Oliver Gilbert III

Public hearing

Ordinance

1st Reading

Advertising requirement: Yes No

RFP/RFQ # _____

Quasi-Judicial

Resolution

2nd Reading

Yes No

Yes No

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Staff Summary

The Life Alliance Organ Recovery Agency (LAORA) is the organization responsible for coordinating organ donation efforts throughout south Florida and is a division of the University of Miami's DeWitt Daughtry Family Department of Surgery. This organization approached the City of Miami Gardens to explore the City's Donate Life Workplace partner. The City's role would be in assisting LAORA in spreading the word about organ and tissue donation and to encourage employees to do the following: Get the facts on organ and tissue donation; fill out an organ/tissue donor card and visit the local Driver License office to have the words "ORGAN DONOR" imprinted on the license; spread the word throughout the community. The City Manager has the discretion to implement policies for employees wishing to participate in the workplace partnership program.

In an attempt to offer a fighting chance for those in need, support this resolution which may save someone's life. As human beings, the fear of the unknown combined with superstitions in regard to death and dying decreases donation while limiting life saving potential. The Donate Life Workplace Partnership program with LAORA would be a true benefit not only to the employees but all for the residents of our community.