

RESOLUTION NO. 20-__

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, THANKING ALL FIRST RESPONDERS, THE HEALTH CARE COMMUNITY AND CRITICAL ESSENTIAL EMPLOYEES FOR THEIR BRAVE RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 PANDEMIC.

WHEREAS, in late 2019, a new significant outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) emerged throughout the World and was declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern by the World Health Organizations; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020 the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer declared a Public Health Emergency exists in the State of Florida as a result of the COVID-19 disease; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cutler Bay (the “Town”) recognizes that facing COVID-19 on the frontline is more than what was expected during the training of first responders, the health care community and critical essential employees and that these heroes have gone above and beyond the line of duty to continue the battle against this pandemic; and

WHEREAS, first responders, the health care community, and critical essential employees have faced longer and more demanding work hours as the number of cases increases, while the shortage of personnel grows from their colleagues who have also been infected while giving exemplary care and delivering essential services to our community; and

WHEREAS, front line health care workers have not only physically cared for their patients, but they have also been emotionally supportive during these trying times as they undergo treatment, are quarantined, and endure separation from their loved ones to prevent further spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, first responders, the health care community, and essential workers have shown their unwavering commitment to assist those in need even at the risk of exposing themselves and their loved ones to this disease; and

WHEREAS, it is the same for those working on another frontline, those called to remain at their post to provide goods and services that are essential to our way of life - that includes countless manufacturing workers, farmers and farm workers, restaurant workers, delivery drivers, cashiers and grocery store employees who are keeping our stores stocked and food on our tables; and

WHEREAS, while the COVID-19 pandemic has upended life for nearly everyone, these essential workers have had to face more risks than most, and the Town would like to thank those who are making sacrifices every day providing essential services during this most difficult time; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council would like to thank Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, local and State Mayors, leaders in Congress and Administration officials who are working tirelessly, constructively, and responsively to keep Florida moving; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes the heroic efforts provided by first responders, the health care community, and critical essential employees, and together with the residents of the Town offer our sincere thanks to all those on the front lines in the battle against this COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, THAT:

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

Section 2. **Thanking First Responders.** The Town Council graciously thanks our First Responders, Health Care Community, and Critical Essential Employees for their brave response during the COVID-19 pandemic, recognizing their hard work and heroic efforts, and valuing their service and commitment to our community throughout this most difficult and trying time.

Section 3. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED this _____ day of July, 2020.

TIM MEERBOTT
Mayor

Attest:

DEBRA E. EASTMAN, MMC
Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE
SOLE USE OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY:

WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN
COLE & BIERMAN, P.L.
Town Attorney

Moved By: _____
Seconded By: _____

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

Mayor Tim Meerbott _____

Vice Mayor Sue Ellen Loyzelle _____

Council Member Robert “BJ” Duncan _____

Council Member Michael P. Callahan _____

Council Member Roger Coriat _____