

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE SOUTH DADE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE'S ESTABLISHMENT OF A MILITARY HOUSING RENTAL PROGRAM WITHIN SOUTH DADE TO ASSIST ACTIVE MILITARY MEMBERS, RESERVISTS, VETERANS, AND THEIR FAMILIES TO OBTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, military personnel relocating to South Dade have expressed a desire to live in the Town of Cutler Bay (the "Town") however, the combination of most landlords requiring a three-month upfront rental deposit, the added cost of utility deposits, and other moving expenses exceed most military families' monthly budget and the military's limited moving allowance; and

**WHEREAS**, the lack of available affordable housing and the high costs of moving (known as the "affordability crisis") has forced military personnel considering relocation to South Dade to obtain housing outside of the Town and to areas north of the City of Doral and into Broward County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town is the ideal place for military members and their families to live, work, and play; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town is a vibrant community that offers a much-desired hometown feel with our quaint neighborhoods, excellent schools, and proximity to the Homestead Air Force Reserve Base for an easy commute to and from work; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, military personnel and their families can access on-base and off-base housing through the Automated Housing Referral Network, which provides trusted and up-to-date housing listings in military communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Dade Chamber of Commerce and its Military Affairs Committee ("MAC") are working with the Family Readiness Directors at our local military institutions to establish a Military Rental Property Program ("MRPP") in South Dade; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has the opportunity to become the first municipality in South Florida to provide public awareness for the MRPP; and

**WHEREAS**, renting to military personnel is a patriotic and gratifying activity and the Town’s residents and area rental communities can take action to be “military-friendly” and “military-ready” landlords by offering a variety of affordable housing solutions such as discounted monthly rent rates; lower initial deposits; flexible lease terms; reduced application and administration fees; and expedited processing of applications and background checks; and

**WHEREAS**, military members and their families make great tenants as they are demonstrated to be hard-working and diligent, uphold a code of conduct that make them more likely to be attentive to the rental property than other tenants, and they can recommend the rental properties to other military families; and

**WHEREAS**, just as we rely on the service of our military personnel to keep us free, we need to support our military personnel and let them know they can depend on us to give back to them and their families when they need a place to call home; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council finds that this Resolution is in the best interest and welfare of the residents.

**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. Support.** The Town Council hereby expresses its support for the South Dade Chamber of Commerce MAC’s efforts to establish a MRPP within the South Dade area that assists active military service members, reservists, veterans, and their families to obtain affordable housing.

**Section 3. Transmittal.** The Town Council hereby directs the Town Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, all municipalities in Miami-Dade County, and to the South Dade Chamber of Commerce and its MAC.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of July 2020.

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TIM MEERBOTT  
Mayor

Attest:

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DEBRA E. EASTMAN, MMC  
Town Clerk

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

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

Moved By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

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| Mayor Tim Meerbott                 | _____ |
| Vice Mayor Sue Ellen Loyzelle      | _____ |
| Council Member Robert “BJ” Duncan  | _____ |
| Council Member Michael P. Callahan | _____ |
| Council Member Roger Coriat        | _____ |