

RESOLUTION NO. R2022-

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO ALLOCATE \$225,000 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF 1,500 PUBLIX GIFT CARDS VALUED AT \$150.00 EACH TO BE ISSUED TO RESIDENTS OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND FOOD INSECURITY AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC; PROVIDING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE WITH THE AUTHORITY TO DEVELOP A PROCESS TO REQUEST PROOF OF RESIDENCY BEFORE THE ISSUANCE OF A GIFT CARD TO ANY RESIDENT AND TO ENSURE THE ISSUANCE OF ONE GIFT CARD PER HOUSEHOLD; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO DISTRIBUTE THE GIFT CARDS NO LATER THAN THIRTY (45) DAYS FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, COVID-19 pandemic has caused many residents in the City of North Miami Beach to experience financial hardships and food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, numerous municipalities, including the City of Miami, City of Miami Beach, City of North Miami, and City of West Miami, have launched a grocery card assistance program in collaboration with Public Supermarkets to help residents in their respective cities who have experienced financial hardship and food insecurity as of the result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the associated economic downturn; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the of North Miami Beach wishes to provide \$150.00 Publix Gift Cards to residents, who are experiencing financial hardship and food insecurity as result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission is authorizing the City Manager to allocate \$225,000.00 from ARPA funds for the purchase of 1,500 Publix Gift Cards valued at \$150.00 each to be issued to residents who have experienced financial hardship and food insecurity due to COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager is authorized to develop a process to ensure that the \$150.00 Publix Gift Cards are issued to residents who are able to provide valid identification or other acceptable identification and a recent utilities bill to prove residency in the City of North Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has directed the City Manager to distribute the Publix Gift Cards no later than thirty (45) days from the effective date of this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Commission of the City of North Miami Beach, Florida:

Section 1. That the recitals and finding contained in the forgoing "whereas" clauses are adopted by reference and incorporated as if fully set forth in this section.

Section 2. The Mayor and City Commission hereby authorize the City Manager or designee to allocate \$225,000.00 from ARPA funds for the purchase of 1,500 Publix Gift Cards valued at \$150.00 each to be issued to residents of North Miami Beach who have experienced financial hardship and food insecurity because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 3. The City Manager or designee is authorized to develop a process to request proof of residency before the issuance of a gift card to any resident and to ensure the issuance of only one (1) gift card per household. The gift cards shall be distributed on a first come, first serve basis.

Section 4. The City Manager or designee is directed to distribute the Publix Gift Cards to residents no later than thirty (45) days from the effective date of this Resolution.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval and adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City of North Miami Beach City Commission at the regular meeting assembled this _____ day of _____ 2022.

ATTEST:

ANDRISE BERNARD, CMC
CITY CLERK

ANTHONY F. DEFILLIPO
MAYOR

(CITY SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM, LANGUAGE
AND FOR EXECUTION

HANS OTTINOT
INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

Sponsored By: Commissioner Paule Villard