

RESOLUTION No. 2007-68-575

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS' COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Gardens supports the Florida Department of Elder Affairs' Communities for a Lifetime initiative to make Florida a friendlier place to live for people of all ages, so that they may be as independent as long as possible, and remain in their homes and in the communities they love, and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has the highest percentage of elders of any state in the nation and our elder population will continue to increase, and

WHEREAS, in order to allow all residents to maintain their dignity, security and independence, communities must evaluate, assess and modify their infrastructures to create a Community for a Lifetime, and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Gardens and the Florida Department of Elder Affairs share the vision and responsibility to improve the life of all citizens so they can prepare for and enjoy aging in place throughout their life, and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve our mutual goals, cities and counties should begin to build together a place free of physical, emotional and social barriers,

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 supports all efforts made by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs' Communities for a Lifetime to remove barriers that prevent the elderly from being able to remain as independent as long as possible, remain in their homes and in the communities that they love.

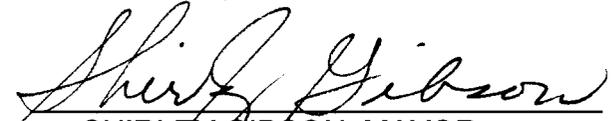
Section 3. INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK: The City Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Florida Department of Community Affairs.

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 APRIL 11, 2007.

ATTEST:


RONETTA TAYLOR, CMC, CITY CLERK


SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR

Prepared by SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ.
City Attorney

CO-SPONSORED BY: COUNCILWOMAN BARBARA WATSON
COUNCILWOMAN SHARON PRITCHETT

MOVED BY: Vice Mayor Braynon
SECONDED BY: Councilman Campbell

VOTE: 6-0

Mayor Shirley Gibson	<u> x </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Vice Mayor Oscar Braynon, II	<u> x </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilman Melvin L. Bratton	<u> </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Councilman Aaron Campbell	<u> x </u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)

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Councilman André Williams
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett
Councilwoman Barbara Watson

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Date: April 11, 2007

Fiscal Impact: No Yes

(If yes, explain in Staff Summary)

Funding Source:

Contract/P.O. Requirement: Yes No

Sponsor Name/Department:

Councilwoman Barbara Watson

Public hearing

Ordinance

1st Reading

Advertising requirement: Yes No

RFP/RFQ # _____

Quasi-Judicial

Resolution

2nd Reading

Advertising requirement: Yes No

Yes No

Title

Resolution supporting the Florida Department of Elder Affairs' *Communities for a Lifetime* Initiative.

Staff Summary

At the March 14, 2007, City Council Meeting, Ms. Janine Rogers-Harris, Community Relations Coordinator, with the State of Florida, Communities for a Lifetime appeared before the City Council to solicit support of Communities for a Lifetime initiative. She asked the Council to adopt a resolution and join the other 166 communities across the state of Florida that decided to make improvements in their communities in housing, transportation and employment.

Ms. Rogers-Harris informed the Council that the Department of Elderly Affairs can provide technical assistance and resources (funding) for housing, transportation and employment for the elderly.

Councilwoman Watson directed staff to prepare a resolution for the Council's consideration at the April 11, 2007 meeting.