

RESOLUTION No. 2006-42-388

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ELDER AFFAIRS' *COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME* INITIATIVE; 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' ("DOEA") *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 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, reaching numbers without precedent in the first part of the XXI Century, 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 *Communities for a Lifetime*, and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Gardens and the DOEAs share the vision and responsibility to improve the life of all citizens so they can prepare for an 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, and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Gardens has established its own Elderly Affairs Committee for the purpose of addressing the needs of the elderly who reside in the City,

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 Mayor and members of the City Council hereby support the Florida Department of Elder Affairs' *Communities for a Lifetime* initiative and endeavor to make every effort to evaluate and remove barriers to create a *Community for a Lifetime*.

Section 3. INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK: The City Clerk is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the Florida Department of Elder 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 26, 2006.

ATTEST:

Ronetta Taylor  
RONETTA TAYLOR, CMC, CITY CLERK

Shirley Gibson  
SHIRLEY GIBSON, MAYOR

Prepared by SONJA KNIGHTON DICKENS, ESQ.  
City Attorney

SPONSORED BY: Mayor Shirley Gibson

MOVED BY: Councilwoman Watson

SECONDED BY: Councilman Campbell

VOTE: 5-1

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

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Councilman Aaron Campbell  
Councilman Ulysses Harvard  
Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett  
Councilwoman Barbara Watson  
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(Yes)  (No)  
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 (Yes)  (No)

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