

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, ON BEHALF OF THE MIAMI BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF \$25,000 FROM THE GREATER MIAMI / MIAMI BEACH POLICE FOUNDATION, INC., A FLORIDA NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION, TO BE USED BY THE MIAMI BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT TO FUND CERTAIN COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE UTILIZATION OF THE ANDE 6C RAPID DNA ANALYSIS SYSTEM, WHICH AIDS THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY INVESTIGATING AND SOLVING CRIMES.

WHEREAS, the Greater Miami / Miami Beach Police Foundation, Inc. (the "Foundation") is a Florida not-for-profit corporation whose mission is primarily dedicated to the welfare of police officers and first responders in times of distress, and helping support law enforcement efforts in solving crimes by providing reward funds for witnesses to come forward with significant information leading to an arrest and/or conviction; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the testimony of witnesses, law enforcement agencies nationwide rely on physical evidence, including deoxyribonucleic acid ("DNA") biological evidence, gathered during a criminal investigation to solve crimes; and

WHEREAS, DNA evidence is most commonly used to solve crimes either by comparing a known suspect's DNA to biological evidence collected from a crime scene, or by analyzing biological evidence recovered from a crime scene and then comparing the results of such analysis to those offender profiles contained within DNA databases to help identify the perpetrator; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement agencies must depend on a laboratory scientist to test a DNA sample in order to ascertain a DNA profile; however, DNA laboratory testing is so time consuming (often taking several months due to backlogs) and so costly, that police departments across the country request such analysis only on a small percentage of cases; and

WHEREAS, the DNA analyses for the Miami Beach Police Department are performed by the Miami-Dade Police Department's Forensic Services Bureau ("MDPD Crime Lab"), which must perform DNA analyses for thirty-five (35) police agencies in a county with approximately 2.7 million residents and significant criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, as a direct result of the MDPD Crime Lab's backlog in analyzing submitted DNA samples, the Miami Beach Police Department (along with the other law enforcement agencies in the county) must prioritize such requests; and

WHEREAS, technological advances now provide law enforcement personnel (with certain prior training) the ability to utilize specialized equipment (known as Rapid DNA instruments) to steer investigations in real time by processing DNA samples at the station or in the field --- and, in only a matter of hours, obtain critical DNA profile information which can immediately impact an investigation; and

WHEREAS, since April of 2017, the Miami Beach Police Department has been field-testing (at no cost to the Police Department or the City) one of the leading Rapid DNA instruments on the market, the ANDE 6C Rapid DNA Analysis System ("ANDE Rapid DNA instrument"); and

WHEREAS, the continued use of the ANDE Rapid DNA instrument by Miami Beach Police Department technicians will now have an associated cost, which the Foundation is graciously offering to help fund, for those consumables (chips, swabs, etc.) necessary for the operation of the ANDE Rapid DNA instrument; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Beach Police Department has already successfully utilized the ANDE Rapid DNA instrument in multiple cases to identify (and eliminate) criminal suspects, which has aided the crime-reduction and public safety efforts of the Police Department and the City; and

WHEREAS, the proposed donation will help to provide the Miami Beach Police Department the enhanced capability to continue utilizing the ANDE Rapid DNA instrument in an effort to make the City of Miami Beach a safer place to live, work and play.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby authorize the City of Miami Beach, on behalf of the Miami Beach Police Department, to accept a donation of \$25,000 from the Greater Miami / Miami Beach Police Foundation, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, to be used by the Miami Beach Police Department to fund certain costs associated with the utilization of the ANDE 6C Rapid DNA Analysis System, which aids the Police Department in effectively and efficiently investigating and solving crimes.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2020.

ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney

MAF

2/27/2020
Date