

RESOLUTION NO. 2023- _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING CITY EMPLOYEES TO DONATE ANNUAL AND SICK LEAVE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 78-3 OF THE CITY CODE, TO AMERICAN FRIENDS OF MAGEN DAVID ADOM, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT, 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATION; AND FURTHER DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO REMIT THE DONATED FUNDS TO AMERICAN FRIENDS OF MAGEN DAVID ADOM, INC., IN SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL WHO HAVE BEEN ADVERSELY IMPACTED BY TERROR ACTS BY TERRORIST ORGANIZATION HAMAS.

WHEREAS, October 7, 2023 terrorist attacks by terrorist organization Hamas have targeted the people of Israel on Shabbat and during the Jewish holy days, resulting in the loss of innocent lives; and

WHEREAS, the City condemns all acts of terrorism and violence targeting innocent civilians, and acknowledges the resilience and courage of the people of Israel in the face of these threats; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission approved, at first reading on October 18, 2023, and at second reading on December 13, 2023, an Ordinance (creating Section 78-3 of the City Code) authorizing City employees having at least 260 combined hours of annual and sick leave after any donation, to donate annual and sick leave for humanitarian disaster relief, as authorized via Resolution by the Mayor and City Commission; and

WHEREAS, Magen David Adom (“MDA”) is Israel’s only government-mandated ambulance and emergency medical responder, serving as Israel’s second line of defense; and

WHEREAS, MDA’s fleet of 700 MDA ambulances and Mobile Intensive Care Units travel over 6.75 million miles a year, taking care of more than 700,000 patients annually; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach prides itself on being a diverse, inclusive international community with respect for the rule of law and democratic institutions, with the Mayor and City Commission routinely supporting measures that promote human rights and dignity; and

WHEREAS, as such, the Mayor and City Commission desire to allow City employees to voluntarily donate annual and sick leave hours (to be converted into currency at the donating employees’ respective hourly rates) in order to provide much needed assistance to the people of Israel who have been adversely impacted by terror acts by terrorist organization Hamas.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, hereby authorize City employees to donate annual and sick leave, pursuant to Section 78-3 of the City Code, to American Friends of Magen David Adom, Inc., a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) organization; and further direct the City Administration to remit the donated funds to American Friends of Magen David Adom, Inc., in support of the people of Israel who have been adversely impacted by terror acts by terrorist organization Hamas.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of December, 2023.


ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Alex J. Fernandez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney
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12/12/23

Date