

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE, AND APPROVING A GRANT IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$50,000 TO PRIDELINES, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A SAFE SPACE PROGRAM FOR LGBTQIA+ MIAMI BEACH YOUTH; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK AND CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CITY'S STANDARD GRANT AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE FOREGOING; AND FURTHER, IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ORGANIZATION AND THE PUBLIC PURPOSES SERVED BY THIS PROGRAMMING, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO PRIORITIZE AN ALLOCATION OF A \$50,000 GRANT TO PRIDELINES, INC. IN FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND ON A RECURRING BASIS, AS PART OF THE CITY'S ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS EACH YEAR THEREAFTER.

WHEREAS, the Miami Beach Youth Commission made a motion at their December 14, 2022 meeting as follows: the Youth Commission requests the Mayor and Commission support the identification of a safe space in the City of Miami Beach for LGBTQ+ youth to be able to speak openly about issues of concern and participate in monthly information sessions where guest speakers provide useful information to positively impact their lives; and

WHEREAS, at the February 1, 2023 Commission meeting, Commissioner Alex Fernandez referred to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee support in the identification of a safe space in Miami Beach for LGBTQIA+ Youth; and

WHEREAS, at the March 23, 2023 Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee meeting, members unanimously supported the development and implementation of a Safe Space program for LGBTQIA+ Miami Beach Youth; and

WHEREAS, staff from the Office of Education and Performance Initiatives and the Miami Beach Police Department met to discuss the feasibility of using the Police Department Community Room (1st Floor) as a safe space for Miami Beach teens to gather; and

WHEREAS, staff determined that an alternate option was preferred; and

WHEREAS, Chief Education Officer Dr. Leslie Rosenfeld met with members of Pridelines to review opportunities for partnership to support Miami Beach youth; and

WHEREAS, Pridelines is a grassroots 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing safe space, social support, skills building, leadership development and referrals to mental health, health care and support services for LGBTQ youth and their straight allies throughout South Florida; and

WHEREAS, currently, Pridelines at The LGBTQ Visitor Center located at 1130 Washington Avenue may be an option for a safe space and to expand youth programming on Miami Beach

