

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF AN ADDITIONAL \$81,000 TO THE CITY'S PREKINDERGARTEN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (THE "PROGRAM") FOR 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR IN FISCAL YEAR 2025 TO ALLOW EACH OF THE 27 WAITLISTED FAMILIES RECEIVE UP TO \$3,000 IN SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS; FURTHER, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE PREKINDERGARTEN SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE PROGRAM FROM 192 TO 225 FOR FUTURE SCHOOL YEARS, EFFECTIVE IN FISCAL YEAR 2026, REPRESENTING AN ADDITIONAL INCREASE IN THE BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$99,000 TO MEET THE DEMONSTRATED DEMAND AND INTEREST FROM THE CITY'S RESIDENTS, WITH THE TOTAL FUNDING IN FY 2026 AND FUTURE YEARS BEING \$675,000 TO PROVIDE 225 SCHOLARSHIPS OF UP TO \$3,000 EACH; AND FURTHER, WAIVE, BY 5/7TH VOTE, THE REQUIREMENT IN SECTION 2-14(D)(1)A OF THE CITY CODE TO REFER ANY AGENDA ITEMS IN EXCESS OF \$75,000 TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach is committed to supporting educational opportunities for all its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City's Prekindergarten Scholarship Program expands hourly access to high-quality PreK providers for 192 families in the City with a scholarship of up to \$3,000 per family; and

WHEREAS, a computerized lottery was held on December 6, 2024 to place all resident applicants in a numerical order for scholarship receipt, with 220 Miami Beach residents assigned lottery numbers for the 2025-26 PreK Scholarship, of which 192 will receive up to \$3,000; and

WHEREAS, out of 192 families who won the lottery, one winning family declined its participation, and one applicant family from the 28 waitlisted families was accepted into the Program, with 27 applicants remaining on the waitlist; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission wish to increase the available budget in the amount of \$81,000 for Fiscal Year 2025 to allow the 27 waitlisted families to receive up to \$3,000 in scholarship funds for the School Year 2025-26; and

WHEREAS, furthermore, going forward, the Mayor and City Commission wish to increase the number of available Prekindergarten Scholarships from 192 to 225 for future school years, effective in Fiscal Year 2026, representing an additional increase un the budget in the amount of \$99,000 to meet the demonstrated demand and need

from the City's residents, with the total funding in Fiscal Year 2026 and future years of the Program being \$675,000 to provide 225 Scholarships of up to \$3,000 each; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission further wish to waive, by 5/7th vote, the requirement in Section 2-14(d)(1)a of the City Code to refer any agenda items in excess of \$75,000 to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee.

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 authorize the allocation of an additional \$81,000 to the City's Prekindergarten Scholarship Program (the "Program") for 2025-26 School Year in Fiscal Year 2025 to allow each of the 27 waitlisted families receive up to \$3,000 in scholarship funds; further, direct the Administration to increase the number of available Prekindergarten Scholarships in the Program from 192 to 225 for future school years, effective in Fiscal Year 2026, representing an additional increase in the budget in the amount of \$99,000 to meet the demonstrated demand and interest from the City's residents, with the total funding in FY 2026 and future years being \$675,000 to provide 225 Scholarships of up to \$3,000 each ;and further, waive, by 5/7th vote, the requirement in section 2-14(d)(1)a of the City Code to refer any agenda items in excess of \$75,000 to the Finance And Economic Resiliency Committee.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of February, 2025.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael Granado, City Clerk

(co-sponsored by Mayor Steven Meiner and
Commissioner David Suarez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney
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1/27/2025

Date