

3. DISCUSS PARTNERING WITH THE ADEN PERRY HERO LIFE RING INITIATIVE TO INSTALL LIFE RINGS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS NEAR WATERWAYS ACROSS MIAMI BEACH.

Applicable Area:

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee Members

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: November 6, 2024

TITLE: DISCUSS PARTNERING WITH THE ADEN PERRY HERO LIFE RING INITIATIVE TO INSTALL LIFE RINGS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS NEAR WATERWAYS ACROSS MIAMI BEACH.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Administration recommends partnering with the Aden Perry Hero Life Ring Initiative to install life rings in 14 City park locations, and possibly expanding in the future to other locations near waterways across Miami Beach.

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

During the September 11, 2024 Commission meeting, Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez referred a discussion on partnering with the Aden Perry Hero Life Ring Initiative to install life rings in various locations near waterways across Miami Beach to the Committee and the Public Safety and Neighborhood Quality of Life Committee.

The Aden Perry Hero Life Ring Initiative was established in honor of Aden Perry, a 17-year-old South Florida teen who tragically lost his life while attempting to save a driver who had crashed into a pond. The initiative aims to prevent similar tragedies by installing life preserver rings near bodies of water. Aden's mother, Sarah Perry, spearheaded the initiative with the hope that these simple yet effective tools will empower more people to act safely and prevent unnecessary drownings, and since its inception, in 2023, over 200 life rings have been installed across multiple cities, including those in Broward and Miami-Dade County. The life rings are designed for anyone to use in emergency situations, ensuring that even an ordinary bystanders, can help save a life.

When partnering with the Aden Perry Hero Life Ring Initiative, the first 10 life rings are free and gifted. The orange life ring measures 24" in diameter and are supplied and manufactured by DATREX which guarantees the preserver is Coast Guard approved, high quality, and comes with a lifetime warranty. It is up to City's discretion on the type and length of rope, as well as the post on which the life ring sits.

### **ANALYSIS**

The Parks and Recreation Department has come up with a list of possible locations to install the Aden Perry Hero Life Ring Initiative life preservers. The locations are:

1. South Pointe Park (near pier & cove near lighthouse)
2. Brittany Bay Park (near bridge)
3. Pinetree Drive & 63rd Street (near bridge)
4. Muss Park
5. Maurice Gibb Memorial Park (near boat ramp & near bridge)
6. Collins Canal Park

7. Miami Beach Golf Club (lake areas)
8. Normandy Shores Golf Club (lake areas)
9. Pinetree Park (near kayak launch)
10. Palm Island Park (near bridge)
11. Sunset Island IV Park
12. Parkview Annex Park (near bridge)
13. Bayshore Park (future site - lake area)
14. Normandy Shores Park

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Aden Perry Hero Life Ring Initiative will cover the cost of the first 10 life rings. Each one after is \$60. The total cost for the 14 park locations, including installation supplies and signage, is estimated to be \$3,000.00. If approved the Parks and Recreation Department would cover the expenses through their approved FY 25 budget.

### **Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate?** (FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

The Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on .

See BIE at: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notices/>

### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Amount: Estimated \$3,000.00

Account: 011-0950-000343-28-406-545-00-00-00-

### **CONCLUSION**

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**Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?**

**Is this item related to a G.O. Bond Project?**

No

**Was this Agenda Item initially requested by a lobbyist which, as defined in Code Sec. 2-481, includes a principal engaged in lobbying?** No

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s):

### **Department**

Parks and Recreation

**Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

**Co-sponsor(s)**

**Condensed Title**

Aden Perry Hero Life Ring Initiative (Rosen Gonzalez)



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Office of Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

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Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez

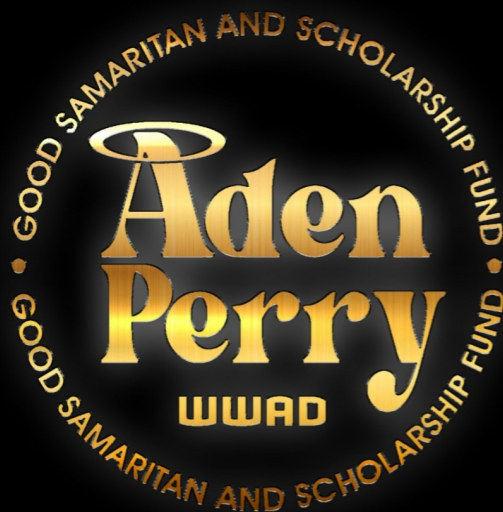
### **Co-sponsor(s)**

### **Condensed Title**

Ref: PSNQLC - Partner w/ Aden Perry Hero Life Ring Initiative, Install Life Rings Across CMB.  
(Rosen Gonzalez)



On a mission to save lives  
by installing Aden's Hero Life Rings  
in every city and by every body of water.



Helping students on their academic journeys  
in honor of Aden.....our Hero and now Angel

## ADEN PERRY HERO LIFE RING INITIATIVE

After recently losing my son tragically when he jumped into a lake to try to save the life of a driver who's car went into the lake, I am determined to do anything I can to try and prevent another good samaritan from suffering the same fate.

On a mission to make waterways safer so that when someone is in distress in the water, whether by a car going into a bed of water or if someone falls in and is not able to get out, my goal is to get a life ring in every city and by ever bed of water possible.

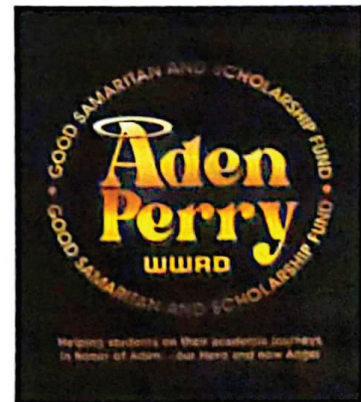
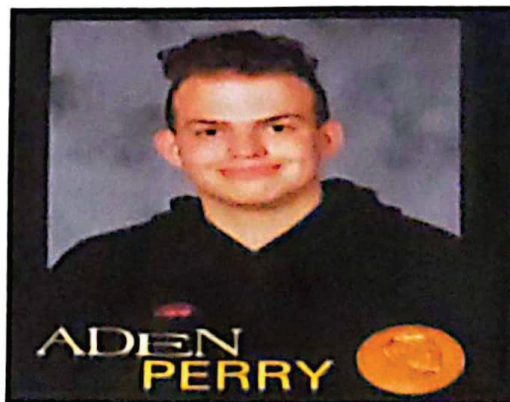
For many years, life rings have proven to save lives, they just have to be available to be used to be effective! The benefit of having a life ring by beds of water is that a would be rescuer does not have to go into the water and put their own life at risk trying to save the life of someone else. It is a known fact that when someone is in the water and panicking, they can in their struggle to survive, drown even the best swimmer. This is why when a life guard does a rescue, they present their flotation device to the victim to hold onto first while rescuing them.

Through a generous donation made to the Aden Perry Good Samaritan and Scholarship Fund and a commitment with Datrex, the Manufacturer of the life rings, we are using life rings with my son's image and hero message on them as a way to help prevent future drownings.

Living in South Florida, we are surrounded with water; in our parks, communities, HOA's and along many roadways. Accidents WILL continue to happen...it's just a matter of when and where the next one will be. There HAS to be something available and ready to be used so that lives can saved.

LIFE RINGS are the answer!!! They are easy to install, easy to implement, easy to use and inexpensive!!!

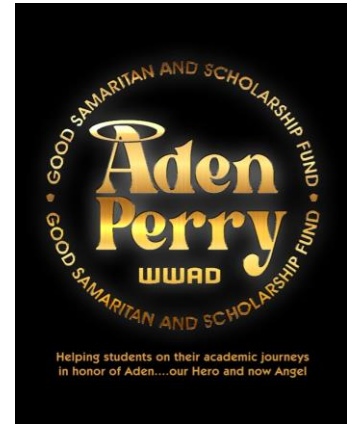
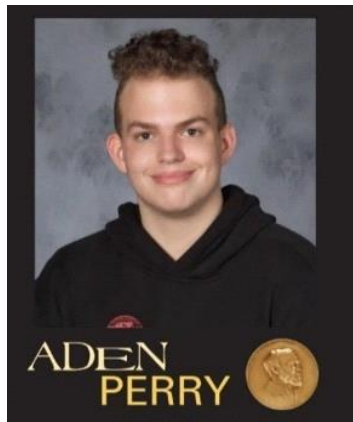
My son died a hero and recently received medal of valors for his actions and most recently Aden was named as a recipient of the Carnegie Hero Award. This is the greatest award a civilian in Northern America can receive. My son was my hero everyday but now is a Hero for everyone to follow his example of selflessness. By other municipalities joining my on my mission, and have our life rings installed by their waterways, together we can save lives in his name and also be Heros!





# Aden Perry Good Samaritan and Scholarship Fund

## Life Ring Hero Project



### Water is everywhere in South Florida!

What can we do to help those who may unintentionally or intentionally end up in a lake or canal? What if they can't swim?

**The Life Ring is a proven tool that can turn anyone into a hero!**

It's easy to use, easy to access, easy to install for use and inexpensive to implement!

### Suggested items needed to install a life ring:

- Life Ring
- Polypropylene rope, minimum of 50' each
- 4 X 6 pressure treated fence post (Placed 2' into the ground)
- 50lb bag of "fast setting" concrete
- Three (3) eye screws
- Two (2) "cooler hooks"
- Three (3) Velcro straps

Our Foundation has an agreement with DATREX, the manufacturing company of the Life Ring to supply the high-quality Coast Guard approved hard plastic life ring with Aden's Hero message on them. They come with a lifetime warranty, and DATREX will extend their drastically reduced price of \$60 to every municipality that joins us in this life saving mission. My goal is to have Life Rings available everywhere and anywhere there is a body of water.... accidents can't be predicted so we must be prepared!

**BY INSTALLING LIFE RINGS... WE WILL SAVE LIVES in Honor of Aden Perry, Carnegie Award Recipient**

To set up a meeting contact

Sarah Perry, Aden's Mum and President

Aden Perry Good Samaritan and Scholarship Fund

(954) 348-2064

[adensmum@comcast.net](mailto:adensmum@comcast.net)

# In memory of a hero - Aden Spencer Perry

## DX024RD 24" RING BUOY IN ORANGE

### TYPE

Type IV U.S.C.G. / Canada 24" Ring Buoy

### USES

24" Orange lifering buoy with SOLAS retro-reflective tape for installation on commercial fishing vessels, yachts and other boats that are not required to carry the 30" buoys\*. USCG and Canadian Coast Guard approvals. \* From the CFR 46, Small Passenger Vessels (under 100 gross tons) " A vessel of more than 7.9 meters (26 feet) in length, but not more than 19.8 meters (65 feet), must carry a minimum of one life buoy of not less than 610 millimeters (24 inches) in diameter". " A vessel of more than 19.8 meters (65 feet) in length must carry a minimum of three life buoys of not less than 610 millimeters diameter (24 inches) in diameter.

### FEATURES

All Datrex rings are molded from high impact linear low-density polyethylene for superior life expectancy in the most severe environments. The encircling black, floating rope is replaceable.

### SPECIFICATIONS

ITEM NO.	DX024RD
USE	Marine safety
SIZE	24" (61 cm)
WEIGHT	6 lbs (2.72 kg)
CLOSED CELL FOAM	Yes
MOLD RESISTANT	Yes
RETRO-REFLECTIVE	Yes
COLOR	Orange
QUANTITY PER CASE	3 per case

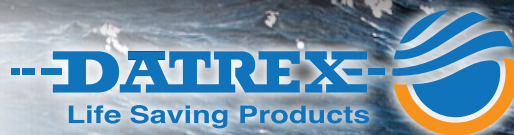


Made in the USA

Minimum quantity, 3 rings, price \$60 per ring plus shipping.  
Please place orders with Brigette Goll at (305) 638-8220  
or brigette@datrex.com at Datrex Miami



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*is a person of distinguished courage and ability,*  
**ADMIRER** *for their brave deeds*  
*and Noble qualities*  
*in spite of overwhelming obstacles.*



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\$34.50 each