RESOLUTION NO. 24-2028

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZONG THE TOWN MANAGER TO AMMEND THE "ADOPT-AROAD" PROGRAM TO CREATE AND IMPLEMENT THE "ADOPT-A-ROAD" AND A COMPANION "ADOPT-A-PARK" PROGRAM IN THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, on April 8th, 2003 the Town of Miami Lakes (the "Town") Council approved Resolution 03-127 creating the "Adopt-a Road" program in the Town of Miami Lakes; and

WHEREAS, during the June 11, 2024 regular council meeting, the Town Council, in collaboration with local Boy and Girl Scout groups discussed the possibility of reactivating the Town's Adopt-a-Road project to help conserve roads and other public areas; and

WHEREAS, the Council directed staff to work on reactivating the Adopt-a-Road program, and with the task of creating an adopt-a-park program that can create volunteer opportunities for residents or interested persons; and

WHEREAS, during the August 13, 2024, Town regular council meeting, Town Staff provided information regarding the Adopt-a-Street program, and provided alternatives to enlarge the existing program in order to include park spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council believes that revisiting the "Adopt-a-Road" program, and creating a new "Adopt-a-Park" program will benefit the Town as well as provide a vehicle by which civic-minded individuals, organizations, students, and businesses alike can participate in the beautification of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the passage of this resolution will provide the Town with direction and authority to re-activate the "Adopt-a-Road" project, and a parallel, "Adopt-a-Park", that will offer opportunities to engage residents in helping keep the Town beautiful; and

WHEREAS, the Town intends to use the application set forth in Exhibit "A" as a framework for the creation of an "Adopt-a-Road" and a parallel, Adopt-a-Park" program, and will created policy that will ensure that applicants to the program are vetted to ensure compliance with the Town's background policy for committee members that work with vulnerable adults or volunteers that work with the Town's youth sports programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Authorization to Implement Program. The Town Manager is hereby authorized to implement a Town of Miami Lakes Adopt-a-Road and Adopt-a-Park Program using the application contained herein as Exhibit "A" as a framework, and providing the Town Manager and Town Attorney authority to create a policy that will ensure that applicants are vetted with the same, or more stringent standard, as applied to committee members that work with vulnerable adults or children, and volunteers that assist with the Town's youth sport programs.

Section 3. Authorization to Expense Budgeted Funds. The Town Manager is hereby authorized to expends budgeted funds in order to implement this Resolution.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Passed and adopted this 10th day of September 2024.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Councilmember Garcia who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Morera and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Manny Cid	Yes
Vice Mayor Tony Fernandez	Yes
Councilmember Luis E. Collazo	Yes
Councilmember Josh Dieguez	Yes
Councilmember Ray Garcia	Yes
Councilmember Bryan Morera	Yes
Councilmember Marilyn Ruano	Yes

Manny Cid MAYOR

Attest:

Gina M. Inguanzo

TOWN CLERK

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

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DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY

EXHIBIT A