

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO IMPLEMENT A SETTLEMENT WITH CHRISTINA COTTES, AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID COTTES, DECEASED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,000.00.

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2023, Christina Cottes, as personal representative of the Estate of David Cottes, deceased ("Claimant") filed a civil action against the City seeking damages arising out of the death of David Cottes that occurred on February 26, 2022 (Broward County Circuit Court Case Number CACE-23-011685); and

WHEREAS, in the civil action, Claimant alleges negligence on the part of the Hollywood Police Department resulting in the death of David Cottes; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney and Claimant's attorney have negotiated a settlement in the amount of \$55,000.00; and

WHEREAS, if this settlement is approved by the City Commission, the monies will be paid from the City's self-insurance fund; and

WHEREAS, by entering into this settlement, the City does not in any manner admit liability for the incident, but rather, settlement is a business decision to avoid the risk of a jury trial, and because of this, the City Attorney recommends that the City Commission approve the negotiated settlement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated in this Resolution.

Section 2: That the above-described settlement is approved, payable from the City's self-insurance fund.

Section 3: That appropriate City officials are authorized to take all necessary steps to implement the settlement.

Section 4: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

SETTLEMENT WITH CHRISTINA COTTES, AS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE ESTATE OF DAVID COTTES, DECEASED.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

JOSH LEVY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PATRICIA A. CERNY, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAMARIS HENLON
CITY ATTORNEY