

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING PUBLIC UTILITY EMPLOYEES AS FIRST RESPONDERS WHO WORK TO SUPPLY SAFE POTABLE WATER BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER EMERGENCIES, TO ENSURE WASTEWATER IS PROPERLY CONVEYED, TREATED, AND DISPOSED OF, AND THAT THE CITY STORMWATER SYSTEM IS MAINTAINED TO AID IN FLOOD PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT, AND WHO ARE AT ALL TIMES ESSENTIAL TO PROTECTING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY AS MANDATED BY THE PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE OF 2003 AND STATE SENATE BILL 162; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS TO EFFECTUATE THE AIMS OF THIS RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, in 2003, President George W. Bush issued Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 ("HSPD-5"), Management of Domestic Incidents, in which a Public Works response to emergencies and disasters is recognized as an absolute necessity, and the federal government was directed to include Public Works staff in all planning and response efforts; and

WHEREAS, the definitions for "Public Works" staff vary regionally and with community size; and

WHEREAS, multiple positions recognized as essential first responders in HSPD-5 are staffed by Department of Public Utilities ("Department") employees in the City; and

WHEREAS, Florida Senate Bill 162, approved by Governor Ron DeSantis on June 9, 2023, further directly recognizes water and wastewater facility personnel as essential first responders; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency recently issued guidelines stating that utility workers, among other professionals, are part of the country's essential critical infrastructure workforce; and

WHEREAS, Department staff are highly trained and involved in Disaster Response and Recovery and have demonstrated their skills and commitment during critical incidents on numerous occasions; and

WHEREAS, the City believes that in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens, it is appropriate to designate those employees as first responders who put the citizens of the City before themselves in times of emergency; and

WHEREAS, in response to the federal mandate and state senate bill, the City Commission desires to designate Department employees as first responders; and

WHEREAS, following their designation as first responders by the City Commission, the Department intends to create and adopt a Department first responder symbol for use on uniforms and other official equipment to recognize the Department as local, state, and federally recognized first responders; and

WHEREAS, the Department further intends to display first responder symbols wherever appropriate, potentially including fleet vehicles, license plates, letterhead, hard hats, uniforms, identification badges, public buildings, and offices, to help raise awareness among all citizens, government officials, and other first responders, about the critical role the Department has in emergency management efforts; and

WHEREAS, approval of this Resolution will not fiscally impact the City.

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: The employees of the City's Department of Public Utilities are recognized as First Responders as mandated by federal and state government.

Section 3: The City Manager is authorized to take all necessary actions to effectuate the aims of this Resolution.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

JOSH LEVY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PATRICIA A. CERNY, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DOUGLAS R. GONZALES
CITY ATTORNEY