

RESOLUTION 25-R__

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE AND THE UNITED WAY TO MANAGE DISASTER DONATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to the rapid recovery for the City and its residents from natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the importance of assigning a nonprofit organization to manage volunteers and donations during a disaster; and

WHEREAS, the United Way of St. Lucie & Okeechobee is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing assistance and relief to communities before, during, and after a disaster; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that the services United Way provides are vital and beneficial to the City in responding to significant emergencies and disasters to protect and save the lives of City residents; and

WHEREAS, United Way has agreed to be the clearinghouse for the City for donations and provide a volunteer referral service in the event of a disaster; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to offsetting disaster expenses outside of the local tax base; and

WHEREAS, volunteer hours worked will be tracked and used towards the City's in-kind match for Federal and State disaster funds; and

WHEREAS, the Council's adoption of this Resolution and approval of the affiliated Memorandum of Understanding and Standard Operating Guideline will provide goods and services to the City during a disaster as well as provide a mechanism to lower the City's local match (cost share for Public Assistance projects) required during and after a disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Ratification of Recitals. The foregoing recitals are hereby ratified and confirmed as true and correct and are hereby made a part of this Resolution.

Section 2. The City Council adopts the memorandum of understanding attached to this Resolution as Exhibit "A" as the City's Memorandum of Understanding with the United Way of St Lucie and Okeechobee Counties.

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Section 3. The City Council adopts the standard operating guidelines attached to this Resolution as Exhibit “B” as the City’s Standard Operating Guidelines for Volunteer and Donations Management During a Disaster.

Section 4. Conflict. If any resolutions, or parts of resolutions, are in conflict herewith, this Resolution shall control to the extent of the conflicting provisions.

Section 5. Severability. The provisions of this Resolution are intended to be severable. If any part of this Resolution is determined to be void or is declared illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, this ____ day of _____, 2026.

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE

By: _____
Shannon M. Martin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sally Walsh, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Richard Berrios, City Attorney