



NORTH BAY VILLAGE
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North Bay Village Recommendation Memorandum

ITEM NO. 11.B

DATE: April 12, 2022

TO: Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor and Members of the Village Commission

FROM: Samuel Bejar, Deputy Chief of Police

SPONSORED BY: Vice Mayor Marvin Wilmoth

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION & BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 30' PURPOSE BUILT, MARINE PATROL VESSEL FOR THE VILLAGE'S POLICE DEPARTMENT - SPONSORED BY VICE MAYOR MARVIN WILMOTH**

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the item and authorize the Manager to proceed with the purchase.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The Village actively works to enhance the quality of life for its residents and visitors, and the Police Department promotes that mission by maintaining a highly visible and proactive presence that is community oriented and focused on maintaining the peace, and a safe and secure community.

North Bay Village is an island community, connected to the rest of Miami-Dade County by a single road that provides both ingress and egress. Miami-Dade County leads the state in vessel registrations, and is ranked #2 in the State for reportable boating accidents. The Village's current patrol vessel has reached end of life, and will soon need to be decommissioned. The Marine Patrol Unit works collaboratively with neighboring agencies to mitigate risk by enforcing state and federal maritime regulations and statutes. Officers respond to emergency calls from distressed boaters and enforce boating safety. The purchase of a new vessel will allow the Village to continue to enhance and enforce boating safety within the Biscayne Bay Intercostal Waterways. The Village also supports the City of Miami Beach, the City of Miami, and Miami-Dade Police Departments in maintaining high visibility on the waterways and securing our municipal boundaries. Most recently the Village launched a collaborative initiative with Miami-Dade County and Florida Wildlife Commission (FWC) to