

RESOLUTION NO. 2021- 2772

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, URGING GOVERNOR DESANTIS TO INCREASE COVID-19 VACCINE ALLOCATIONS TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IN ORDER FOR THE TOWN AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO MEET VACCINE DEMAND AMONG VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, the Governor of Florida issued Executive Order Number 20-51 directing the State Health Officer and Surgeon General to declare a Public Health Emergency due to the discovery of COVID-19/Novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) in Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Town of Surfside (“Town”) adopted Resolution No. 2020-2676, declaring a State of Emergency due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Town continues to respond to the threats posed by COVID-19 in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of its residents, businesses, employees and visitors; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2021, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 21-47 (the “Executive Order”), amending Executive Order 20-315 to modify the Phase One COVID-19 Vaccine priority list to include the following vulnerable population groups: long-term care facility residents and staff; persons 65 years of age and older; health care personnel with direct patient contact; K-12 school employees 50 years of age and older; sworn law enforcement officers 50 years of age and older; and firefighters 50 years of age and older (collectively, the “Vulnerable Community Members”); and

WHEREAS, people over 65 years old are among the most at risk for COVID-19 complications and account for over 10% of the population in Miami-Dade County (the “County”), representing nearly half a million people, many of whom reside in the Town; and

WHEREAS, the County remains the county with the highest number of positive COVID-19 cases and deaths, accounting for approximately 20% of the overall numbers in the State of Florida, yet the County has only received 11% of the allotted vaccines; and

WHEREAS, the Town urges Governor DeSantis to increase the allocation and speed of vaccine distribution to the County and the Town in order to meet vaccine demand among Vulnerable Community Members; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission finds that this Resolution is in the best interest and welfare of the residents of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. That each of the above-stated recitals are hereby adopted, confirmed, and incorporated herein.

Section 2. Urging Governor to Increase Vaccine Allocations to the County and Town. The Town Commission hereby urges Governor DeSantis to increase the weekly COVID-19 vaccine allocation to the County in order for the Town and other local governments in the County to meet vaccine demand among Vulnerable Community Members.

Section 3. Transmittal. That the Town Commission hereby directs the Town Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Governor Ron DeSantis on behalf of the State of Florida, the County Legislative Delegation, and the County League of Cities.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 9th day of March, 2021.

Motion By: Vice Mayor Paul

Second By: Commissioner Kesl

FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION:

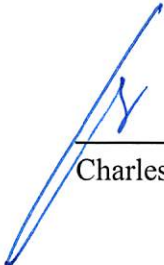
Commissioner Charles Kesl Yes

Commissioner Eliana R. Salzhauer Absent

Commissioner Nelly Velasquez Yes


Vice Mayor Tina Paul Yes

Mayor Charles W. Burkett Yes



Charles W. Burkett, Mayor

Attest:



Sandra McCready, MMC
Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency:



Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L.
Town Attorney