

**EXHIBIT 1**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AN OFFER OF JUDGMENT IN THE MATTER OF V. LYNN WHITFIELD V. CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, ET AL IN CASE NO: CACE 19- CV-60926 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO SETTLEMENT, IN EXCHANGE FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE APPROPRIATE RELEASE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Ms. V. Lynn Whitfield has filed suit against the City of Hallandale Beach and city officials in their individual capacity resulting from her termination as City Attorney in 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Rule 68, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the City may make an offer to allow judgment upon specified terms; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has engaged in a strategic defense, including discovery and fact-finding investigative preparation for trial and the City Commission has been fully briefed during executive session in accordance with Florida law; and

**WHEREAS**, the settlement offer contemplated herein is the compromise of a doubtful and disputed claim, and any offer of payment made is not to be construed as an admission of liability on the part of second parties. The City denies liability and intends merely to avoid litigation and buy its peace; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Commission, being fully advised of the facts of this matter, believe it is in the best interest of the City to resolve this litigation as to all defendants in lieu of proceeding to trial, and authorize an offer of judgment, subject to specified terms, in the amount of two hundred and fifty thousand (\$250,000.00) dollars.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA:**

**SECTION 1.** The foregoing “Whereas” clauses are confirmed as true and incorporated herein.

**SECTION 2.** The Mayor and City Commission hereby authorize an offer of judgment, subject to specified terms, in the amount of two hundred and fifty thousand (\$250,000.00) dollars in the matter of V. Lynn Whitfield v. City of Hallandale Beach, et al. The City Manager and City Attorney are further authorized to enter into settlement in exchange for the execution of the appropriate releases.

**SECTION 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 2020.

JOY F. COOPER  
MAYOR

SPONSORED BY: CITY ATTORNEY

ATTEST:

JENORGEN M. GUILLEN, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY  
AND FORM

JENNIFER MERINO  
CITY ATTORNEY