

## RESOLUTION 23-03

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF MARCO ISLAND, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF THE COLLIER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AS A CENTRAL AGENT FOR THE RECEIPT AND DISTRIBUTION OF FINANCIAL DONATIONS DURING TIMES OF LOCAL CRISES OR DISASTER.

**WHEREAS**, Collier County Government, the Collier County Sheriff's Office, the City of Marco Island, City of Naples, and City of Everglades City continue efforts to coordinate, plan and prepare for local emergencies, natural disasters, line-of-duty deaths, and critical crises incidents such as acts of mass violence; and

**WHEREAS**, the receipt, accountability, and disbursement of financial donations received from the community and nation during times of local emergencies, natural disasters, and critical crises incidents can be more expeditiously administered by an accredited, non-profit philanthropic group than by government entities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Orlando and the National Compassion Fund have developed a model plan known as OneOrlando® to encourage communities to have a pre-identified central donation site and to establish best practice protocols for community disasters and individual victim assistance and substantially reduce the chance of compassionate donations going to fraudulent donation sites; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the success of the Orlando plan, the Collier Community Foundation and Collier County Bureau of Emergency Management have developed policies and best practice protocols for the receipt, accountability, and disbursement of financial donations to help those in need and to reduce the chance of compassionate donations going to fraudulent donation sites; and

**WHEREAS**, the Collier Community Foundation is an established accredited public charitable fund established in 1985, with strict and transparent financial reporting requirements in place, oversight, and well-established requisite business processes; and

**WHEREAS**, within hours following Hurricane Irma, the Collier Community Foundation and the United Way implemented the Collier Comes Together Fund® to receive donations and disperse funds and provisions to numerous local agencies and individuals for immediate unmet needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Collier Community Foundation, Collier County Emergency Management, United Way, Center for Victims Assistance, state and local law enforcement and fire services, and community leaders will meet annually to report on the status of the fund and make available annual reports as needed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Marco Island City Council applauds the efforts of the Collier Community Foundation, Collier County Emergency Management, and the other agencies involved for taking coordinated steps to reduce the chance of donations going to fraudulent donation sites, and help residents during times of local emergencies, natural disasters, and critical crises incidents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARCO ISLAND, FLORIDA, that:**

**Section 1.** The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.

**Section 2.** City Council hereby supports the Collier Community Foundation as a central agent for the receipt and distribution of financial donations during times of local emergencies, natural disasters, and critical crises incidents.

**Section 3.** The appropriate City officials are authorized to do all things necessary to carry out the aims of this Resolution.


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

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARCO ISLAND, FLORIDA, THIS 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.**


**ATTEST:**

  
Michael J. Sheffield, City Clerk

**CITY OF MARCO ISLAND, FLORIDA**

By:   
Gregory Folley, Chairman

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

  
Alan L. Gabriel, City Attorney