



## RESOLUTION # 2012-01

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI CHIEF OF POLICE WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2012 WITH THE ISSUANCE OF HIS CITY ISSUED TAKE HOME VEHICLE FOR CONTINUED USE WITHIN HIS FUTURE ROLE IN THE RESERVE PROGRAM WHERE HE WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE BY VOLUNTEERING HIS SERVICES, PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, The Chief of Police, Gary Knowles has served the City of West Miami Police Department since January 4<sup>th</sup>, 1982; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief of Police Gary Knowles has held the following positions with the Department; Police Officer, Sergeant, Master Sergeant, Lieutenant, Acting Chief of Police and Chief of Police; and

**WHEREAS**, Chief of Police, Gary Knowles has served this community for the last thirty years with integrity, commitment, honor knowledge, wisdom and leadership. He has mentored new generations of professional law enforcement officers; and

**WHEREAS**, Gary Knowles must retire under the provisions set forth by the State of Florida Division of Retirement under the DROP guidelines (Deferred Retirement Option Program) where he has completed the maximum term as specified by Florida Law and the Administrative Guidelines of the State of Florida, Division of Retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, thirty years of professional law enforcement will come to an end on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in an honorable and well deserved retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, notwithstanding his retirement Chief Knowles will continue service at no cost to the City of West Miami in the Reserve Program of the Police Department where he will continue to serve by volunteering his time.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI THAT:**

**Section 1.** The Mayor and City Commission hereby accept the retirement of Gary Knowles as Chief of Police effective February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

**Section 2.** The Mayor and City Commission of the City of West Miami hereby express to Gary Knowles our sincere gratitude for his numerous contributions to our community and for his loyal and honorable service to the West Miami Community.

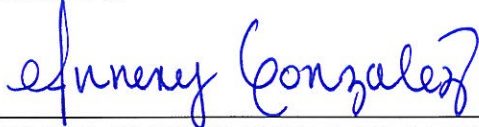
**Section 3.** The Mayor and City Commission of the City of West Miami extend our best wishes to Chief Gary Knowles on a well deserved retirement and our sincere gratitude for his commitment, dedication, loyalty and integrity and we recognize three decades of honorable law enforcement career that has served to benefit our citizens and has met the true meaning of "Protecting and Serving"

**Section 4.** The Mayor and City Commission hereby authorize the use of the 2006 Ford Crown Victoria, Sedan, 4DR, VIN # 2FAFP71W66X135761 by Gary Knowles in the performance of his voluntary services.

**Section 5.** The Mayor and City Commission direct the City Clerk to place a copy of this Resolution in the permanent file of Gary Knowles.

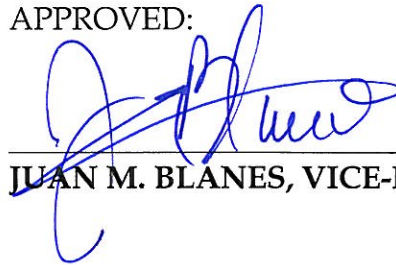
**PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2012.**

ATTEST:



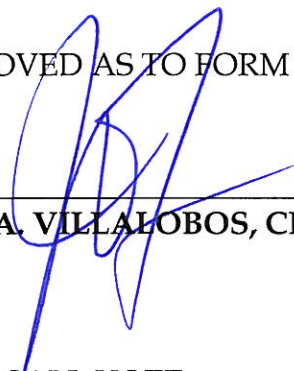
**ANNERY GONZALEZ, CITY CLERK**

APPROVED:



**JUAN M. BLANES, VICE-MAYOR**

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND SUFFICIENCY:



**JOSE A. VILLALOBOS, CITY ATTORNEY**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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| <b>MAYOR EDUARDO H. MUHIÑA</b>        | <u>ABSENT</u> |
| <b>VICE -MAYOR JUAN M. BLANES</b>     | <u>Y</u>      |
| <b>COMMISSIONER CANDIDA BLANCA</b>    | <u>Y</u>      |
| <b>COMMISSIONER LUCIANO L. SUAREZ</b> | <u>Y</u>      |
| <b>COMMISSIONER ELSA J. VAZQUEZ</b>   | <u>Y</u>      |