

**March 19, 2025**

Dear Members of the Town Council,

On behalf of the Miami Lakes Neighborhood Improvement Committee, we are writing to express our disappointment with the Town's decision to **raise** sponsorship funds for the Aden Perry Hero Life Ring initiative, rather than **allocating** Town funds to cover the modest cost of this important project. We write this letter understanding that this original vote took place when many members of the current Town Council were not sitting on the dais, as such we'd like to provide some background on the initiative.

The Aden Perry Hero Life Ring Initiative honors the heroic actions and memory of Aden Spencer Perry, a high school student who tragically lost his life while attempting to save a man from drowning on April 19, 2022, in Sunrise, Florida. While walking his dog with his mother, Aden witnessed a vehicle crash into a pond. Hearing the driver call out for help, Aden handed his phone to his mother to contact 911 and courageously entered the water to assist. Tragically, both the driver and Aden submerged and did not survive. Aden's bravery, selflessness, and sacrifice embody the highest ideals of community service and heroism.

The Neighborhood Improvement Committee firmly believes that honoring Aden Perry's legacy with dignity requires the Town's full backing. Each life ring costs \$395, and we are seeking to place them in 10 locations within our community, ***please see the attached map for the locations***. This amounts to 10 total rings for a total of \$3,950 in funds. By allocating the necessary funds, the Town Council could demonstrate its commitment to community safety while celebrating the actions of a young hero who made the ultimate sacrifice.

It is worth mentioning that other municipalities, including Fort Lauderdale, the City of Doral, and Coral Springs, have successfully implemented similar initiatives without hesitation, recognizing the importance of prioritizing community safety and honoring individuals like Aden. Miami Lakes has the opportunity to join these cities in setting an example of leadership and compassion.

We urge the Council to reconsider its decision and provide the funding required for this initiative. It is a small but meaningful way to ensure that Aden's legacy inspires others while contributing to the safety of our waterways.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your support in honoring Aden Perry's memory appropriately.

Sincerely,

The Town of Miami Lakes Neighborhood Improvement Committee