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## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy Morales, City Manager

DATE: May 8, 2019

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING, IN SUBSTANTIAL FORM, A TEMPORARY EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY (COUNTY) FOR A NON-EXCLUSIVE ACCESS AND STAGING AREA ON CITY PROPERTY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE 46 STREET AND 53 STREET BEACH ACCESS POINTS TO THE COUNTY OR ITS DESIGNEE TO PLACE CLEAN SAND ON THE CITY'S BEACHES UNDER A US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS BEACH RENOURISHMENT PROGRAM; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE FINAL AGREEMENT.

In the mid-1970s, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (US Army Corps) and Miami-Dade County (County) entered into a 50-year contract for the joint management of the County's sandy beaches, including those in the City of Miami Beach. The nourished beach has contributed significantly to the local economy, provided critical storm protection and erosion control, as well as environmental, recreational and economic benefits to the City, the region, and the State. However, natural processes, including waves, tidal currents, wind, storms, flooding, and sea level rise continuously remove sand from the beach system. As such, to maintain a healthy beach, the US Army Corps, in collaboration and cost-share with the State of Florida and the County, periodically renourishes the City's beaches as part of their beach renourishment program.

The City, State, County and US Army Corps have coordinated to provide beach material in two severely eroded areas of the Miami Beach, Miami-Dade County, Florida Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection Project: 46 Street and 53 Street. In order to execute this project, the County, on behalf of the US Army Corps, requires a staging area in the vicinity of these locations in order to stage the vehicles and equipment needed to install the fill along the beach. The City owns the upland property from the Erosion Control Line (ECL) that the County and the US Army Corps have requested for staging. As such, the City Administration requests the City Commission authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute a Temporary Easement Agreement with Miami-Dade County for a non-exclusive access and staging area use easement on City Property attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

## CONCLUSION

The Administration recommends that the Mayor and City Commission adopt the Resolution.

Attached: Exhibit 1 – Temporary Easement Agreement

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