

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH TO TRANSMIT A LETTER TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (“DEP”), REQUESTING AN EXTENSION OF THE DEP’S “SPECIAL CONDITION” PERMIT TO RUN CONTINUOUSLY THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2019, IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THE OVERABUNDANCE OF SEAWEED BEING DEPOSITED ON THE CITY’S BEACHES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Miami Beach (the “City”) is comprised of a number of islands with approximately 70 miles of shoreline along numerous canals and waterways, the Atlantic Ocean, and Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserve, all of which support a wide variety of flora and fauna; and

**WHEREAS**, the City hosts approximately 15 million visitors each year, and is considered one of the world’s most popular tourist destinations because of its beaches, crystal-clear blue water, and amazing tropical environment; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, the City, as well as the entirety of Miami-Dade County, are battling massive amounts of seaweed being deposited onto its beaches; and

**WHEREAS**, the massive amounts of seaweed and its accompanying odor create an unsightly appearance and unsanitary conditions, and prevent beachgoers from enjoying the sandy beaches and the ocean, posing a risk to the public’s welfare and health, and the City’s tourism industry; and

**WHEREAS**, the City works collaboratively with the Department of Environmental Protection (“DEP”) and Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (“FWC”) to follow all regulations and obtain required permits for mechanized beach cleaning; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, the City must re-apply for a permit every two weeks in order to continue using heavy equipment to address an extreme situation characterized by massive amounts of seaweed washing up on the beaches; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is respectfully requesting an extension of the DEP’s “special condition” permit to run continuously through October 31, 2019, in order to efficiently address the unprecedented levels of seaweed being deposited onto the beaches, without the necessity of re-applying for a permit every two weeks; and

**WHEREAS**, in a letter dated June 14, 2019, Miami-Dade County Mayor, Carlos Gimenez, and Miami-Dade County Commissioner, Eileen Higgins, also requested

Governor DeSantis' assistance in securing the "special condition" permit for the aforesated purpose (see Exhibit A); and

**WHEREAS**, the requested extension will allow the City to more effectively maintain its treasured beaches and preserve Miami-Dade County's tourism, and beachfront property values; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA**, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby authorize the Mayor of the City of Miami Beach to transmit a letter to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP"), requesting an extension of the DEP's "special condition" permit to run continuously through October 31, 2019, in order to address the overabundance of seaweed being deposited on the City's beaches.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 26th day of **June**, 2019.

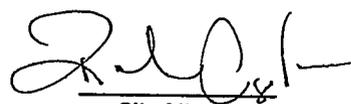
**ATTEST:**

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Dan Gelber, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Mayor Gelber)

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

6/18/19  
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Date

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