

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING FLORIDA MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS TO INVESTIGATE AND HELP RESOLVE THE MATTER OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE ("USPS") POLICY THAT PREVENTS USPS FROM DELIVERING MAIL TO CITY OF MIAMI BEACH RESIDENTS RESIDING ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE OF HIBISCUS ISLAND, AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO SEND A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO FLORIDA SENATORS MARCO RUBIO AND RICK SCOTT, AND U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN DONNA SHALALA.

WHEREAS, earlier in the year, Hibiscus Island residents in the local homeowner's association voted to make Hibiscus Drive a one-way road to facilitate placing their power lines underground; and

WHEREAS, about six weeks ago, approximately forty-six (46) inland properties — on the left side of the street — stopped getting mail; and

WHEREAS, a spokeswoman for the USPS, Debra J. Fetterly, explained that mail carriers are not allowed to cross the narrow, one-way street under a policy the USPS created "out of abundance of caution to ensure the safety of both postal employees and the public," and thus, mail carriers can only deliver to homes on the right side of the street; and

WHEREAS, now, residents of approximately 46 households are either picking up their mail at the post office located 3.5 miles away, or they have agreed to pick up their mail at the guardhouse at the entrance to Hibiscus Island; and

WHEREAS, Hibiscus Island is a small island with a single, narrow one-way street that can be crossed with four to five steps — it is untenable to force residents residing on the left-hand side of Hibiscus Island to drive over to the nearest post office at least 3.5 miles away, spend \$3 to park, walk a few blocks, and stand in line to receive their mail he said; and

WHEREAS, to make the matter more troubling, there are many elder residents on Hibiscus Island who are not able to drive to the post office to receive their mail; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission respectfully request the assistance of Senators Marco Rubio and Rick Scott and U.S. Congresswoman Donna Shalala in resolving this matter with the USPS.

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 urge Florida members of the U.S. Congress to investigate and help resolve the matter of the United States Postal Service ("USPS") policy that prevents USPS from delivering mail to City of Miami Beach residents residing on the left-hand side of Hibiscus Island, and direct the City Clerk to send a copy of this Resolution to Florida Senators Marco Rubio and Rick Scott, and U.S. Congresswoman Donna Shalala.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2019.

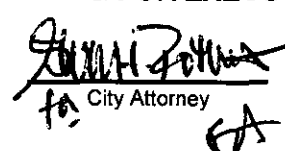
ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Mark Samuelian)

**APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION**



to City Attorney
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10/8/19

Date