

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO RECONSIDER ITS DECISION AND KEEP THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (“NOAA”) MARINE PROTECTED AREA (“MPA”) FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE INTO FISCAL YEAR 2020, AND TO SUPPORT ITS WORK TO STRENGTHEN THE NATION’S MPA SYSTEM, FOR THE BENEFIT OF CURRENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS.

WHEREAS, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (“NOAA”) Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee (“Committee”) was created over 16 years ago; and

WHEREAS, this Committee has provided the Department of Commerce, the Department of Interior, and marine stakeholders, with balanced, science-based advice on managing the nation’s system of marine protected areas; and

WHEREAS, this Committee provides unique and irreplaceable stakeholder perspectives informing federal, state, tribal and local MPAs, in every region of the United States; and

WHEREAS, its members, whom the United States Department of Commerce appoints, represent wide-ranging ocean interests including commercial and recreational fishing, ocean recreation and tourism, offshore energy research and conservation, tribal and indigenous values, and more; and

WHEREAS, its members have dedicated countless volunteer hours to enhancing the effective management and protection of our nation’s marine resources; and

WHEREAS, since 2003, the Committee’s knowledgeable stakeholders and technical experts have collaboratively and objectively deliberated over some of the most complex science and policy challenges facing today’s oceans; and

WHEREAS, this Committee has provided balanced and actionable recommendations on timely MPA topics including: sustainable financing; engaging diverse constituencies; designing effective marine sites and networks; applying science-based adaptive management in the face of a changing ocean; and sustaining the many economic, ecological and cultural benefits of MPA’s to the nation; and

WHEREAS, this proven, trusted and unique stakeholder forum cannot be replicated easily, nor can it be arbitrarily silenced without placing the nation’s most treasured ocean ecosystems, and the economies they support, in jeopardy; and

WHEREAS, this Committee has been reauthorized every two years by successive administrations, including this one just two years ago.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby urge the United States Department of Commerce to reconsider its decision and keep the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ("NOAA") Marine Protected Area ("MPA") Federal Advisory Committee into Fiscal Year 2020, and to support its work to strengthen the nation's MPA system, for the benefit of current and future generations.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of October 2019.

ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Ricky Arriola)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

10-8-19

Date