

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING THE STATE OF FLORIDA, BY AND THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, TO JOIN THE STATES OF GEORGIA, KENTUCKY, LOUISIANA, MISSISSIPPI, OHIO, AND VIRGINIA, AMONG OTHERS, IN ADOPTING THE SEXUAL ORIENTATION/GENDER IDENTITY MODULE AS PART OF ITS BEHAVIORAL RISK FACTOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM SURVEY.

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Health, in association with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"), conducts the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System ("BRFSS") survey; and

WHEREAS, BRFSS is the nation's premier system of health-related telephone survey that collects state data about U.S. residents regarding their health-related risk behaviors, chronic health conditions, and use of preventive services; and

WHEREAS, BRFSS also establishes and tracks state and local health objectives, plans for health programs, implements disease prevention and health promotion activities, and monitors trends; and

WHEREAS, currently, the survey has three parts: 1) the core component, consisting of the fixed core, rotating core, and emerging core, 2) optional modules, and 3) state-added questions; and

WHEREAS, one of the optional modules that Florida can utilize into is the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity ("SO/GI") module created by CDC; and

WHEREAS, many states including Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Vermont, adopted the optional SO/GI module; and

WHEREAS, Florida is one of the few states that does not currently utilize the SO/GI module, resulting in the state missing critical health data for more than threequarters of a million of its own residents, a population greater than the entire state of Vermont; and

WHEREAS, SO/GI data are a critical component of accurately assessing the current problems that LGBT Floridians experience— research consistently demonstrates that health disparities are a major concern for the LGBT population—and developing effective policies and programs to address them; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach urge the State of Florida, by and through the Department of Health, to join the states of Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Ohio, and Virginia, among others, in adopting the SO/GI module as part of its BRFSS survey.

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 the State of Florida, by and through the Department of Health, to join the states of Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Ohio, and Virginia, among others, in adopting the Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity module as part of its Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System survey.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 2019.

ATTEST:

Rafael E. Granado
City Clerk

Dan Gelber, Mayor

(Sponsored by Commissioner Michael Góngora)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

10/25/19
Date