

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP AND U.S. CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS TO SUPPORT AND ENACT U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL, H.R. 6467, TITLED "THE CORONAVIRUS COMMUNITY RELIEF ACT", WHICH WOULD PROVIDE \$250 BILLION IN COVID-19 STABILIZATION FUNDS FOR COUNTIES AND CITIES WITH A POPULATION UNDER 500,000; AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO U.S. SENATE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS, U.S. SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, FLORIDA SENATORS MARCO RUBIO AND RICK SCOTT, AND U.S. CONGRESSWOMAN DONNA SHALALA.

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the rapidly spreading novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") a pandemic, acknowledging what has seemed clear for some time — the virus will likely spread to all countries on the globe; and

WHEREAS, the rate of infection throughout the world and in the US has accelerated rapidly, grinding most markets and businesses around the globe to a halt; and

WHEREAS, there have been unprecedented effects of the pandemic, including the severe disruption to societies and economies, and the devastating impact on the livelihood of people; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the United States Congress approved the CARES Act, the largest economic relief package in U.S. history, allocating \$2 trillion to provide immediate assistance to individual Americans, small businesses, and major industries on the brink of economic collapse amid the ongoing pandemic; and

WHEREAS, municipalities and counties with a population under 500,000 were left out of targeted relief from the CARES Act; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2020, U.S. House of Representatives member, Joe Neguse, introduced House Bill H.R. 6467, titled "Coronavirus Community Relief Act," which seeks to aid small local governments with populations under 500,000 with a \$250 billion relief fund; and

WHEREAS, as of April 14, 2020, the bill was cosponsored by at least 75 members of the U.S House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach currently has a population of approximately 92,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, while Florida's economy has diversified over the past 20 years and has seen growth in areas such as infrastructure and construction, tourism still remains the state's economic "backbone"; and

WHEREAS, tourism remains the City of Miami Beach's most important economic engine; 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, it is undisputable that with closure of non-essential businesses throughout Florida, COVID-19 is impacting, and will continue to impact the City, and the rest of Florida, on a scale that will rival some major world events that have adversely affected tourism and the economy in the past; and

WHEREAS, as such, the Mayor and City Commission urge President Donald Trump and the U.S. Congress to support and enact the Coronavirus Community Relief Act, or any other similar legislation aimed at providing aid to small local governments across the country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby urge President Trump and U.S. Congressional Leaders to support and enact U.S. House of Representatives Bill, H.R. 6467, titled "the Coronavirus Community Relief Act", which would provide \$250 billion in COVID-19 stabilization funds for counties and cities with a population under 500,000; and direct the City Clerk to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to U.S. Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, U.S. Speaker of the House, Florida Senators Marco Rubio and Rick Scott, and U.S. Congresswoman Donna Shalala.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2020.

ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney

4-14-20

Date