

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, REQUESTING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY MAYOR CARLOS GIMENEZ TO RE-OPEN PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS WITHIN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SUBJECT TO THE SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY EO 21-20, APPLICABLE CDC GUIDELINES, AND GUIDELINES CONTAINED WITHIN THE EMERGENCY ORDER ISSUED BY THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH.

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2020, Mayor Gimenez issued Amendment No. 2 to Miami-Dade County's Emergency Order ("EO") No. 21-20, ordering the re-opening of parks, golf courses, marinas and boat ramps, subject to social distance requirements, such as the requirement to wear a facial covering and maintain a six-foot distance separation between persons; and

WHEREAS, however, use of playgrounds in public parks remains prohibited to this day under EO No. 21-20; and

WHEREAS, playgrounds are vital for physical fitness and mental wellbeing of our children, and build social capital, reduce stress, increase happiness, and strength mental health; and

WHEREAS, the re-opening of playgrounds would provide children and their parents with an additional, and safe, option for outdoor recreational use; and

WHEREAS, there is a growing consensus that it is safer to be outdoors than in an indoor public gathering space; and

WHEREAS, an April 7, 2020 study, spanning between January 4 and February 11, 2020 across 320 municipalities in China, examined where and how COVID-19 is transmitted and identified only a single outbreak in an outdoor environment, which involved two cases; and

WHEREAS, according to Dr. Julian W. Tang, a virologist at the University of Leicester, open spaces prevent the virus from building up in concentrated amounts and being inhaled; and

WHEREAS, according to Dr. Gary Green, medical director of infection control at Sutter Santa Rosa Regional Hospital, outside exercise lowers the chance of spreading the virus by a magnitude of 10 compared with the same level of exertion indoors; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, the Mayor and City Commission of Miami Beach request Miami-Dade County Mayor Gimenez to re-open public playgrounds within the City of Miami Beach as soon as possible, subject to the social distancing requirements

of Miami-Dade County EO 21-20, applicable CDC guidelines, and guidelines contained in the Emergency Order issued by the City of Miami Beach.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the mayor and the city commission hereby request Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez to re-open public playgrounds within the City of Miami Beach as soon as possible, subject to the social distancing requirements of Miami-Dade County EO 21-20, applicable CDC guidelines, and guidelines contained in the Emergency Order issued by the City of Miami Beach .

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this ____ day of _____, 2020.

Dan Gelber, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner Ricky Arriola)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

7/13/20

Date

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