

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF  
THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE CITY OF  
MIAMI BEACH URBAN FORESTRY MASTER PLAN ATTACHED  
HERETO AS EXHIBIT A.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Miami Beach ("City") is an urbanized barrier island that has many unique challenges in the management and evolution of a sustainable urban forest; and

**WHEREAS**, the average life of a tree in the City is estimated to be 8 years due to environmental conditions including high groundwater table, limited space for planting, tree abuse, and improper maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's first Urban Forestry Master Plan ("UFMP") is a guiding document that provides a plan and management strategy for developing a healthy urban forest while considering future climate change impacts, and

**WHEREAS**, the UFMP provides a framework that will guide future reforestation efforts Citywide, including the implementation of the General Obligation Bond Reforestation Project; and

**WHEREAS**, these reforestation efforts lead to exponential growth of the benefits received by our urban forest through enhanced walkability, improved stormwater management capacities, increased habitat for birds and wildlife, reduced greenhouse gases, and reduced heat island impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, the UFMP presents an assessment of existing resources and sets the goal to increase canopy coverage from 17% to 22% over the next 20 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the UFMP also recommends that in the future the city consider creating a city tree maintenance program to manage and maintain all trees in the public right-of-way; and

**WHEREAS**, the UFMP provides guidance on managing the gradual transformation of tree species citywide to enhance species diversity to have a more sustainable and resilient urban forest.


**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 adopt the City of Miami Beach Urban Forestry Master Plan attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of September, 2020.

**ATTEST:**

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

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Dan Gelber, Mayor  
APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney  
9/3/20  
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Date