

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THAT THE U.S. CONGRESS PASS LEGISLATION PROVIDING DIRECT FUNDING ASSISTANCE TO ALL CITIES TO HELP MITIGATE EXPENDITURES AND CURRENT AND FUTURE LOSSES AS A RESULT OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS ("COVID-19") PANDEMIC; AND DIRECT THE CITY CLERK TO SEND A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE U.S. SENATE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS, U.S. SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, AND FLORIDA SENATORS MARCO RUBIO AND RICK SCOTT.

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic is an extraordinary time for the nation and the world, and it has significantly altered the normal day-to-day life of most Floridians; and

WHEREAS, since Florida cases of the coronavirus were first reported, Florida's cities, towns and villages have been continuously working to respond to the needs of their residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, in a commitment to safeguard the health of its citizens, the City of Miami Beach has been coordinating efforts among first responders, local health care professionals, and county and state partners as they work together to combat this pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the City has been taking extraordinary measures to both limit the spread of COVID-19 and support local businesses, all while keeping the health and safety of their residents at the forefront of their efforts; and

WHEREAS, the fiscal consequences of COVID-19 are unprecedented, and cities are now facing financial shortfalls while maintaining essential services for their residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Congress has passed several stimulus packages to provide relief to individuals and businesses facing enormous challenges as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security ("CARES") Act provided direct federal relief to local governments with a minimum population of 500,000, which applied to only one Florida municipality; and

WHEREAS, Congress has not provided any direct funding to Florida's cities with a population under 500,000 to help mitigate the devastating and unexpected fiscal and employment impacts this pandemic has caused; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis announced Florida's plan to disburse up to \$1.275 billion in CARES Act funds to counties with a population below 500,000 and recommended that counties share funds with cities within their jurisdictions, but these funds are not guaranteed nor directly available to cities; and

WHEREAS, cities are a key component to accelerating Florida's economic recovery and providing a climate that will help businesses thrive, attract visitors from all over the world and enhance the quality of life that the citizens of Florida expect and deserve.

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