

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR AND A PARTNERSHIP WITH FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEADERS TO ENSURE AN ACCURATE 2020 U.S. CENSUS; 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**, the United States Constitution requires the U.S. Census Bureau to conduct a count of the population every 10 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Miami Beach is committed to ensuring every resident is counted; and

**WHEREAS**, a successful census program integrates federal, state and local resources within each level of government so that a true intergovernmental partnership is achieved for a timely and accurate count, and these efforts were hampered during the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") pandemic causing deadlines to be amended so that an accurate count can be obtained; and

**WHEREAS**, census data determines political representation to the United States House of Representatives, state legislatures, and local governments, and the amount of funding that will be provided by the federal government for programs as a result of the population count; and

**WHEREAS**, more than \$675 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to communities across the country based upon population, and said funding supports public health care, community development, housing, education, transportation, social services, employment, and public policy; and

**WHEREAS**, each Census Bureau employee takes a lifetime oath to protect confidentiality and ensure that data identifying respondents, or their household will not be released or shared; and

**WHEREAS**, a united voice from businesses, government, community-based and faith-based organizations, educators, media and others should join together so that the 2020 Census message reaches the broadest audience, providing trusted advocates who can spark positive conversations about the 2020 Census; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Census Bureau wishes to cease its door-to-door follow-up campaign and complete its operations by September 30, and this will be injurious to high-growth states like Florida, and all efforts should be made by our Congressional delegation to legislatively require the Bureau to keep its October 31st deadline so that sufficient time exists for all persons to be accurately counted.

**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 affirm support for and a partnership with federal, state, and local leaders to ensure an accurate 2020 U.S. Census; and direct the City Clerk to transmit this Resolution to the

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 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

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Dan Gelber, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner Micky Steinberg)

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

                     9/8/20  
City Attorney Date  
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