

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE AND CULTURAL ARTS COUNCIL TO SUPPORT THE REEFLINE MIAMI BEACH PROPOSAL AS A CONCEPT TO CREATE HABITATS FOR LOCAL AQUATIC MARINE LIFE, PROMOTE CULTURAL AND ECOLOGICAL TOURISM, CREATE A UNIQUE ART EXPERIENCE, AND PROVIDE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR LOCALS AND GUESTS.**

**WHEREAS,** The ReefLine is an Underwater Sculpture Park and Snorkel Trail located at a swimmable distance from the shoreline of Miami Beach; projected to eventually stretch for 9 miles of artificial reefs designed by the best contemporary artists, architects, scientists, and designers; and

**WHEREAS,** The ReefLine will highlight Miami Beach as a creative, forward-thinking city that sets a global standard as both art-minded and ecologically-conscious destination, while serving as a resilient reef providing critical habitat for endangered organisms, and forming a unique marine sanctuary; and

**WHEREAS,** The Reefline is an investment in the community's civic infrastructure, public art, and environmental protection that will pay dividends over the coming decades by protecting the shoreline, raising active awareness about our ocean, and attracting tourists worldwide; and

**WHEREAS,** funding for the initial phase of the project is being provided in part by the Knight Foundation, and is spearheaded by Blue Lab Preservation Society, a 501(c)3 non-profit foundation with a focus on building positive community impact that will help address ocean pollution, water quality, climate change, environmental and social issues; and

**WHEREAS,** Blue Lab Preservation Society is collaborating with Bridge Initiative, an organization dedicated to making the planet a priority through art, culture, creativity, and science; and

**WHEREAS,** additional partnerships have been formed with OMA / Rem Koolhaas for the Masterplan, the University of Miami's U-Link Coastal Resiliency Team, the City of Miami Beach, Miami-Dade County, Cummins-Cederberg Marine Engineering, and Coral Morphologic; and

**WHEREAS,** at its October 27, 2020 meeting, the Sustainability Committee made a motion supporting The Reefline Miami Beach proposal as a concept to create habitats

for our local aquatic marine life, promote diverse tourism, and provide recreational activities for locals and guests; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 5, 2020, the Cultural Arts Council made a motion supporting The Reefline Miami Beach proposal as a concept to promote cultural and ecological tourism, create a unique art experience and elevate Miami Beach's status as an international arts and culture destination; and

**WHEREAS**, The Reefline Miami Beach is being presented to the Art in Public Places Committee on November 17, 2020, and the recommendation of the Art in Public Places Committee will be issued via an LTC following the meeting.

**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 accept the recommendation of the Sustainability Committee and the Cultural Arts Council to support The ReefLine Miami Beach proposal as a concept to create habitats for local aquatic marine life, promote cultural and ecological tourism, create a unique art experience, and provide recreational activities for locals and guests.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Dan Gelber, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

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City Attorney

11/13/2020  
Date