

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE FINDINGS OF THE ADMINISTRATION THAT THE PALACE BAR AND RESTAURANT MEETS THE CRITERIA UNDER CITY CODE SECTION 18-391; DESIGNATING THE PALACE RESTAURANT AND BAR, LOCATED AT 1052 OCEAN DRIVE, AS A LEGACY BUSINESS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 18 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH; AND LISTING THE BUSINESS IN THE CITY'S LEGACY BUSINESS REGISTRY.**

**WHEREAS**, on January 13, 2021, and pursuant to Ordinance No. 2021-4390, the Mayor and City Commission amended the City Code to establish the City's Legacy Business Registry, and create a process for designating a business as a Legacy Business in the City of Miami Beach (the "City"); and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Legacy Business Registry is to "formally recognize and honor longstanding business institutions that have contributed to and define the cultural and historical identity of Miami Beach; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2021, at the request of Commissioner Michael Góngora, the City Commission approved the nomination of the Palace Bar and Restaurant ("the Palace") as a Legacy Business by a vote of 7-0; and

**WHEREAS**, according to City records and historic research, the original location of the Palace was at 1200 Ocean Drive, and the Palace's business operations commenced at least as early as 1991, and possibly as early as 1988; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2007, Thomas Donall, a nightclub owner and designer from Michigan, assumed control of the Palace and made major renovations and upgrades to the restaurant and bar operation; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2009, the Palace decorated the 12th Street corner sign and crosswalk with rainbow colors, marking the location as a South Beach landmark and a meeting place for the LGBTQ+ community; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, the Palace hosted a special ceremony honoring victims of the Pulse nightclub tragedy and highlighting the Palace's long standing and continuous message of diversity, equality, and inclusion; and

**WHEREAS**, in July of 2017, the Palace closed its doors at 1200 Ocean Drive due to the sale of the building; and

**WHEREAS**, in November of 2017, the Palace reopened at its current location at 1052 Ocean Drive; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration has reviewed the proposal to designate the Palace Bar and Restaurant as a Legacy Business and concluded that it meets the minimum requirements and criteria for designation as a Legacy Business, as set forth in Sec. 18-931 of the City Code.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA,** that the Mayor and City Commission hereby (i) accept the findings of the Administration that the Palace Restaurant and Bar meets the criteria under City Code Section 18-391; (ii) designate the Palace Restaurant and Bar, located at 1052 Ocean Drive, as a Legacy Business pursuant to Chapter 18 of the Code of the City of Miami Beach; and (iii) list the business in the City's Legacy Business Registry.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

**ATTEST:**

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Rafael Granado, City Clerk

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Dan Gelber, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
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City Attorney NK

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