

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING, IN CONCEPT, AN IDENTIFICATION DECAL PROGRAM, TO FACILITATE ACCESS FOR CITY RESIDENTS ACROSS THE VENETIAN, JULIA TUTTLE, AND MACARTHUR CAUSEWAYS DURING EMERGENCY AND HIGH-IMPACT PERIODS; AND FURTHER, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO DEVELOP THE PROGRAM DETAILS, INCLUDING THE PARAMETERS, LOGISTICS, AND COSTS OF IMPLEMENTING A RESIDENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM, TO BE PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION ON OR BEFORE THE JUNE, 2021 CITY COMMISSION MEETING; AND FURTHER, DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESIDENT IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS DEVELOPED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of the government of the City of Miami Beach (the "City") to ensure the public safety of its residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is geographically vulnerable to hurricanes, flooding and other natural disasters which may cause severe disruption of essential human services, and extensive damage to public roadways, utilities, buildings, parks and/or other government-owned facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, there is also an existing and continuing possibility of the occurrence of technological or civil emergencies, or other disasters (including, but not limited to, acts of terrorism, transportation accidents, pandemics, outbreaks, and large-scale hazardous material spills or leaks) which crises require potent and effective response; and

**WHEREAS**, during such emergencies or high-impact periods, it may be necessary for the City to limit or close vehicular traffic to the Venetian, Julia Tuttle, and/or MacArthur Causeways to the general public, to ensure public safety of the City's residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, at the March 21, 2021 Special City Commission meeting, Commissioner Meiner, the sponsor of this Resolution, raised the issue of the development of a resident identification program to facilitate access for City residents across the Venetian, Julia Tuttle, and/or MacArthur Causeways during high impact and emergency periods; and

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance thereof, this Resolution would direct the Administration to develop the program details of the identification decal program, including the parameters, logistics, and costs of implementing such a program, including, without limitation, exploring implementation via a "resident only" lane, in order to facilitate resident access across the causeways during closures due to emergency or high impact periods.

**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 approve, in concept, an identification decal program, to facilitate access for City residents across the Venetian, Julia Tuttle, and MacArthur causeways during emergency and high-impact periods; and further, directing the Administration to develop the program details, including the parameters, logistics, and costs of implementing a resident identification program, to be presented to the Mayor and City Commission on or before the June, 2021 City Commission meeting; and further, directing the City Attorney's Office to prepare an ordinance for the implementation of the resident identification program based on the recommendations developed by the Administration.

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

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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

4-13-21  
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Date