

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION HOLD IN ABEYANCE ANY COCONUT PALM TREE REMOVALS ANTICIPATED TO TAKE PLACE IN LUMMUS PARK (UNLESS THE TREE IS DISEASED AND/OR PRESENTS DANGER TO PROPERTY OR PERSONS), UNTIL SUCH TIME AS LEGISLATION PROPOSED AT THE DECEMBER 8, 2021 CITY COMMISSION MEETING REGARDING DESIGNATION OF PALM TREES AS HERITAGE TREES IS CONSIDERED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION.**

**WHEREAS**, nestled between the Atlantic Ocean and Ocean Drive, between 5 Street and 14 Place, Lummus Park is a regional asset and one of the most popular destinations in Miami Beach, featuring a playground, paved paths for walking or biking and recreational and fitness areas; and

**WHEREAS**, Lummus Park, known for its beautiful coconut palms, has served as the backdrop for many television and film scenes, and as the venue for various special events every year, ranging from concerts to marathons; and

**WHEREAS**, coconut palms were originally brought to Florida about 100 years ago from Jamaica, and remain an iconic part of Miami Beach's landscape; and

**WHEREAS**, the coconut palms in Lummus Park not only provide shade from the sun but also enhance the ocean views and provide a beautiful, tropical character to the park; and

**WHEREAS**, at the December 8, 2021 City Commission meeting, the Mayor and City Commission referred a discussion regarding codifying palm trees as heritage trees under Chapter 46 of the City Code to the Land Use and Sustainability Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, as such, the Mayor and City Commission direct the City Administration to hold in abeyance any coconut palm tree removals anticipated to take place in Lummus Park, unless such tree is diseased and/or presents danger to property or persons, until such time as legislation proposed at the December 8, 2021 City Commission meeting regarding designation of palm trees as heritage trees is considered by the Mayor and City Commission.

**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 direct the City Administration to hold in abeyance any coconut palm tree removals anticipated to take place in Lummus Park (unless such tree is diseased and/or presents danger to property or persons), until such time as legislation proposed at

the December 8, 2021 City Commission meeting regarding designation of palm trees as heritage trees is considered by the Mayor and City Commission.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

**ATTEST:**

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Dan Gelber, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Kristen Rosen Gonzalez)

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
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City Attorney *RA*

2-26-22  
Date