

MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC# 040-2022

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Honorable Mayor Dan Gelber and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Alina T. Hudak, City Manager

DATE: January 31, 2022

SUBJECT: **City of Miami Beach Continues Designation as a StormReady® Community**

The purpose of this LTC is to advise you that the City of Miami Beach has earned its StormReady® re-certification from the Miami Office of the National Weather Service (NWS).

StormReady® is a national community preparedness program that recognizes communities that are best able to prepare for and address all types of severe weather. The program focuses on communication and mitigation as well as community preparedness. To achieve and maintain StormReady® status, a city must have a comprehensive multi-hazard emergency operations plan supported by a solid communication network.

Through efforts led by the Fire Department Division of Emergency Management, Miami Beach demonstrated that we meet the following requirements:

- Have a 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center;
- Employ multiple methods to receive and disseminate severe weather warnings and information for the public;
- Promote the importance of public readiness;
- Maintain a formal hazardous weather action plan, including severe weather spotter training for members of the community;
- Conduct periodic exercises and drills;
- Maintain a continued and active relationship with the local NWS office.

Miami Beach was first fully StormReady® certified in 2011. Recognition is maintained for 3 years and is renewed by proving that we continue to meet NWS standards. The designation is an important step in improving our rating under the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS) which helps qualify the City for certain insurance discounts, which are passed along to property owners in Miami Beach.

C: Executive Staff
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