

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DECLARING SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL 105 AND ITS COMPANION BILL, SENATE BILL 224, AND URGING THE FLORIDA SENATE TO ADOPT SENATE BILL 224 WHICH SEEKS TO AUTHORIZE COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO FURTHER RESTRICT SMOKING WITHIN PUBLIC BEACHES AND PUBLIC PARKS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS; AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO SEND A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE SPEAKER OF THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA SENATE.

WHEREAS, House Bill 105 (“HB 105”) and its companion bill Senate Bill 224 (“SB 224”) have been filed for consideration during the Florida legislature’s 2022 session (the “Bills”); and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2022, the Florida House of Representatives passed House Bill 105 (“HB 105”); and

WHEREAS, the Bills seek to authorize municipalities to restrict smoking within public beaches and parks in their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, public parks and beaches in the City of Miami Beach should be smoke-free for young children and families to enjoy together; and

WHEREAS, there are also statewide concerns about the littering of cigarette components due to plastic filters from cigarettes and cigars being left in public parks and beaches; and

WHEREAS, plastic filters and other pieces from cigarettes and cigars are non-biodegradable byproducts of smoking which are also harmful to the environment when littered; and

WHEREAS, litter is an issue that also has an impact on the quality of life of the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has a particular interest in maintaining its parks and beaches in pristine condition for the enjoyment of both residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, the City declares that it is in the interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of its residents and visitors to reduce pollutants in the air, on the lands, and in the waters of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Bills, if adopted, would limit the littering of these items throughout the City's beautiful parks and beaches; and

WHEREAS, as such, the Mayor and City Commission declare their support for SB 224 and urge the Florida Senate to pass the bill during its 2022 Legislative Session.

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 declare support for House Bill 105, and its companion bill, Senate Bill 224, and urge the Florida Senate to adopt Senate Bill 224 which seeks to authorize counties and municipalities to further restrict smoking within public beaches and public parks in their respective jurisdictions; and direct the City Clerk to send a copy of this Resolution to the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, and the President of the Florida Senate.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2022.

ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Alex J. Fernandez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

 3-1-22
Date