

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 TO VOLUNTEERCLEANUP.ORG, A PROJECT BY MIAMI-DADE COSTAL CLEANUP, INC., A FLORIDA NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION, IN SUPPORT OF ITS PROGRAMMING EFFORTS TO KEEP MIAMI BEACH AND ITS NATURAL HABITATS FREE OF GARBAGE AND HARMFUL POLLUTANTS, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK AND CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CITY'S STANDARD GRANT AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE FOREGOING; AND FURTHER, IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ORGANIZATION AND THE PUBLIC PURPOSES SERVED BY THIS PROGRAMMING, DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO PRIORITIZE THE ALLOCATION OF A \$15,000 GRANT TO VOLUNTEERCLEANUP.ORG FOR BEACH CLEAN UP PROGRAMMING, AS PART OF THE CITY'S ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS FOR FY2024.

WHEREAS, scientists estimate that more than 17 billion pounds of plastic enter our ocean every year threatening marine life from corals polyps to sharks, the health of people, and local economies; and

WHEREAS, International Coastal Cleanup (ICC), spearheaded by the Ocean Conservancy, is the world's largest, one-day volunteer effort to clean up the marine environment and raise awareness for plastic pollution in our oceans; and

WHEREAS, spearheaded globally by the Ocean Conservancy, VolunteerCleanup.org organizes Miami-Dade County's local participation in this worldwide event with 50+ shoreline cleanups around the County, engaging volunteers to cleanup their neighborhoods, shorelines, and waterways as a way to raise awareness about marine debris and encourage people to reduce their reliance on single-use plastics; and

WHEREAS, VolunteerCleanup.Org is a project of Miami Dade Coastal Cleanup, Inc., a tax approved 501(c)(3) public charity by the IRS and a Florida registered charity; and

WHEREAS, to this day, VolunteerCleanup.Org has collected 17,771 pounds of trash in Miami-Dade County and engaged over 2,984 volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission desire to approve a grant in the amount of \$15,000 to assist Volunteercleanup.org with its efforts to keep the City and its beautiful beaches clean and plastic-free, subject to Volunteercleanup.org submitting a report by November 1, 2023, documenting the objectives achieved with the grant funding and compliance with all other terms of City's standard grant agreement; and

WHEREAS, further, in view of the importance of Clean Miami Beach's mission and the public purposes served thereby, the Mayor and City Commission direct the City Administration to prioritize the allocation of a \$15,000 grant to Volunteercleanup.org for its beach clean-up programming, as part of the City's annual budget process for FY2024.

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 a grant in the amount of \$15,000 to Volunteercleanup.org, a project by Miami-Dade Coastal Cleanup, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, in support of its programming efforts to keep Miami Beach and its natural habitats free of garbage and harmful pollutants, and authorize the City Clerk and City Manager to execute the City's standard grant agreement with respect to the foregoing; and further, in view of the importance of this organization and the public purposes served by this programming, direct the City Administration to prioritize the allocation of a \$15,000 grant to Volunteercleanup.org for beach clean up programming, as part of the City's annual budget process for FY2024.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this ____ day of _____, 2023.

ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner David Richardson)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

2-13-23

Date