

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER GRANTING A WAIVER OF THE CITY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 142-425(D) OF THE CITY CODE, TO ALLOW THE CITY TO DISPLAY THE "UNION JACK" FLAG, THE DE FACTO NATIONAL FLAG OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, ON SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023, TO CELEBRATE THE CORONATION OF HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, WITH THE UNION JACK FLAG TO BE DISPLAYED ALONGSIDE THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES AT CITY HALL AND AT ANY OTHER CITY-OWNED BUILDING WITH MORE THAN ONE FLAGPOLE; THEREBY WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 138-60 OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO FLAGS.**

**WHEREAS**, the United States of America and the United Kingdom share a unique and special relationship that is built on a foundation of common values, mutual respect, and a deep commitment to democracy, human rights, and the rule of law; and

**WHEREAS**, this special relationship between the two nations has been nurtured and strengthened by generations of leaders, diplomats, and citizens who have worked tirelessly to promote peace, prosperity, and cooperation between their peoples; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States and the United Kingdom have a long and prosperous history, and the two countries have worked together for many years to promote peace, prosperity, and cooperation around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, both nations acknowledge the sacrifices that they have made together in the defense of freedom and democracy, and pledge to continue to stand shoulder-to-shoulder in the face of common threats and challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, the upcoming Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at Westminster Abbey provides an opportunity to celebrate and reaffirm the enduring bonds of friendship between our two nations; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami Beach City Hall and the flagpoles installed on City properties are zoned Government Use (GU) and/or pertain to governmental owned or leased buildings, uses, and sites, and pursuant to Section 142-425(d) of the Land Development Regulations ("LDR") of the City Code, the Mayor and the City Commission may waive by five sevenths vote (5/7ths), following a duly noticed public hearing, development regulations pertaining to governmental owned or leased buildings, uses and sites which are wholly used by, open and accessible to the general public; and

**WHEREAS**, the following waiver of the City of Miami Beach LDRs is required to authorize the display of the Union Jack flag at governmental owned or leased buildings, uses, and sites, which is presented to the City Commission for consideration:

1. A waiver of Land Development Regulation Section 138-60 of the City Code, prohibits the display of any nation's flag except the national flag of the United States at any location in the City;

**WHEREAS**, in celebration of the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III, the Mayor and City Commission desire to allow the display of the "Union Jack" flag, the de facto national flag of the United Kingdom, on May 6, 2023, at Miami Beach City Hall and at other City-owned buildings with more than one flagpole, alongside the flag of the United States of America.

**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 set a public hearing to consider granting a waiver of the City's Land Development Regulations, pursuant to Section 142-425(d) of the City Code, to allow the City to display the "Union Jack" flag, the de facto national flag of the United Kingdom, on Saturday, May 6, 2023, to celebrate the coronation of his Majesty King Charles III of the United Kingdom, with the Union Jack flag to be displayed alongside the flag of the United States at City Hall and at any other City-owned building with more than one flagpole; thereby waiving the requirements of Section 138-60 of the City Code relating to flags.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

**ATTEST:**

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Dan Gelber, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Ricky Arriola)

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

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Name *AR*

3-15-23  
Date