

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DELEGATING TO THE CITY MANAGER, OR HER DESIGNEE, THE AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT FUNDING, AND TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS OR AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH FINANCIAL DISASTER RELIEF AND RECOVERY ASSISTANCE FUNDS RELATED TO DECLARED DISASTERS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, FUNDS FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, PROGRAMS THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, AND FUNDING RECEIVED THROUGH THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HER DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE, RELIEF/ASSISTANCE CLAIMS, AND REQUESTS FOR PAYMENTS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT REIMBURSEMENTS THROUGH DISASTER FUNDING PROGRAMS.**

**WHEREAS**, hurricanes, tropical storms and other natural disasters threaten and strike the State of Florida nearly every year, and the frequency of these storms has increased, as has their intensity; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition, there are other hazards, characterized as human-caused or technical, such as building collapses, acts of terrorism, pandemics, and cyber-attacks, which could escalate to declared disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, since 2004, the City of Miami Beach has been impacted by at least three named storms and several flooding events that resulted in local emergency declarations: and

**WHEREAS**, when natural disasters threaten to approach to our shores, City departments engage in preparation activities at an expense to the City in anticipation of landfall, whether actual landfall occurs or not; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition, the City, under the State Mutual Aid Agreement (SMAA), provides resources to assist other communities in Florida when they experience disasters, such as the aid provided after the Surfside Building Collapse, and Hurricane Ian on the west coast of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the City incurs costs in relation to the preparation for and impact from disasters, and in providing resources to mutual aid partners; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, funds for disaster public assistance are made available through the Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) Public Assistance Program; and

**WHEREAS**, funding is also made available through United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) in the aftermath of declared disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management serves as a pass-

through entity for federal awards from FEMA and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; and

**WHEREAS**, the City must enter into agreements and execute required documents to obtain financial assistance from the State of Florida and the federal government in order to receive recovery funding and funding as categorized by FEMA and other agencies providing Public Assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to applying and accepting funding for all declared disasters, the City Administration must first seek Commission approval via a resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to streamline the process and allow the City to efficiently apply for and accept funding for declared disasters, the Mayor and City Commission wish to delegate to the City Manager the authority to apply for and accept funding, and to execute any and all necessary documents or agreements, in connection with financial disaster relief and recovery assistance funds related to declared disasters including, but not limited to, funds from FEMA, DHS, and funding received through the State of Florida, Division Of Emergency Management; as well as executing requests for assistance, relief/assistance claims, and requests for payments necessary to support reimbursements through disaster funding programs.

**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 delegate to the City Manager, or her designee, the authority to apply for and accept funding, and to execute any and all necessary documents or agreements in connection with financial disaster relief and recovery assistance funds related to declared disasters including, but not limited to, funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance Program, programs through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and funding received through the State Of Florida, Division Of Emergency Management; and further authorize the City Manager, or her designee, to execute requests for assistance, relief/assistance claims, and requests for payments necessary to support reimbursements through disaster funding programs.

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

**ATTEST:**

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Dan Gelber  
Mayor

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Rafael Granado  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
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City Attorney

3-15-23  
Date