

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING, PURSUANT TO THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICE/CITIZENS RELATIONS COMMITTEE, AN “AD HOC SPRING BREAK TASK FORCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE,” FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR (SUBJECT TO EARLIER OR LATER SUNSET BY THE CITY COMMISSION) TO ADVISE THE ADMINISTRATION AND CITY COMMISSION ON THE UPCOMING MARCH 2024 SPRING BREAK PERIOD, AND TO PROVIDE A FORUM TO ADDRESS QUALITY OF LIFE AND PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES AFFECTING OUR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS DURING EVERY SPRING BREAK PERIOD; AND PRESCRIBING THE PURPOSE, COMPOSITION, POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Miami Beach (the “City”) is an internationally renowned tourist destination that is famous for its beautiful beaches, world-class shopping, entertainment, fine dining, and vast array of artistic and cultural events; and

**WHEREAS**, in recent years, the City has seen an increasingly large number of visitors during the Spring Break period, which has posed significant challenges including, but not limited to, extreme traffic and congestion, and severe impacts to the City’s Police, Fire, Sanitation, and Code compliance services; and

**WHEREAS**, many of the visitors to the City during high impact periods, such as Spring Break, are under the influence of alcoholic beverages and have demonstrated a blatant disregard for the rule of law; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, unruly crowd control issues during Spring Break resulted in the imposition of emergency measures, including an 8:00 pm. curfew in the area between 5<sup>th</sup> Street and 16<sup>th</sup> Street, from Pennsylvania Avenue to Ocean Drive; and

**WHEREAS**, in March 2022, the City also experienced massive crowds and several shootings in a concentrated tourist area over a period of a few days, resulting in the declaration of a state of emergency and imposition of a weekend curfew for the last weekend of March, 2022;

**WHEREAS**, in March 2023, there were multiple fights, shootings, and various other incidents and police calls for service—for example, for the period between February 27, 2023 and March 18, 2023, there have been four (4) aggravated assault arrests, three (3) aggravated battery arrests, seven (7) robbery arrests, twenty (20) arrests for carrying a concealed firearm, thirty-seven (37) felony drug arrests, twelve (12) arrests for battery on a law enforcement officer, and eighty-two (82) arrests for other felonies; and

**WHEREAS**, at its April 25, 2023 meeting, the City’s Police/Citizen Relations Committee unanimously passed a motion recommending the establishment of a Task Force Committee regarding Spring Break 2024, by no later than June 1, 2023, with proposed recommendations to be

submitted to the Mayor and City Commission by the end of summer 2023, in order to ensure that this collaborative message is heard as the City Administration moves into the planning stages for Spring Break 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a clear pattern of unruly crowds, general mayhem, and violence that takes place in the City during every Spring Break season; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Commission desire for the City to be proactive in preventing mayhem, violence, and unruly crowds that have statistically occurred in the City during each March Spring Break period; and

**WHEREAS**, it would be of benefit for the City to establish an Ad Hoc Spring Break Task Force Advisory Committee to advise the Administration and City Commission on public safety issues affecting the City during every Spring Break season, and to provide a forum to address quality of life issues affecting our residents and business owners; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose, composition, powers and duties of the Committee members, and an Administrative liaison to the Committee, are set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA**, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby establish pursuant to the recommendation of the Police/Citizens Relations Committee, an "Ad Hoc Spring Break Task Force Advisory Committee," for a period of one year (subject to earlier or later sunset by the City Commission) to advise the Administration and City Commission on the upcoming March 2024 Spring Break period, and to provide a forum to address quality of life and public safety issues affecting our residents and business owners during every Spring Break period; and prescribe the purpose, composition, powers and duties of the Committee.

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

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Dan Gelber, Mayor

**TEST:**

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

sponsored by Commissioner Laura Dominguez)

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

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City Attorney

5-8-23  
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Date

## **EXHIBIT "A"**

### **Ad Hoc Spring Break Task Force Advisory Committee**

#### **A. Purpose**

1. The Ad Hoc Spring Break Task Force Advisory Committee ("Spring Break Task Force") will review, formulate and coordinate information, proposals and issues raised by the City Manager, the Mayor, members of the City Commission, the residents, businesses, and other concerned citizens. The Task Force will prepare recommendations on how to improve the City's response to unruly crowds and mayhem brought by every Spring Break period.
2. The Spring Break Task Force will address the needs and concerns of the residents and businesses by making recommendations on issues affecting the relationship between the City and Spring Break, while maintaining a balanced perspective as to quality of life issues affecting both residents and businesses.
3. The Spring Break Task Force will meet on a monthly basis, or as frequent as the Task Force deems necessary to make a final recommendation. The Task Force will sunset at the end of 12 months unless determined by the Mayor and City Commission that it should be extended.

#### **B. Membership Composition**

1. The Spring Break Task Force shall be composed of nine (9) members, with seven (7) direct appointments made by individual city commissioners and the mayor, and two (2) at-large appointments, all of whom shall be appointed to serve for a term of no more than one (1) year at a time.
  - A. The seven (7) direct appointments must be residents of the City for a minimum of two (2) years and reside south of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. Exceptions to the foregoing may be approved by a majority vote of the City Commission.
  - B. One at-large appointee must be a representative from the hotel industry operating on Ocean Drive, and the second at-large appointee must be a representative from a restaurant operating on Ocean Drive. Exceptions to the foregoing may be approved by a majority vote of the City Commission for individuals with specific knowledge or expertise relative to the hospitality industry.

#### **C. Powers and Duties**

The Spring Break Task Force will serve to advise the City Manager on Spring Break issues and to provide a forum to address quality of life issues affecting our residents and businesses, as a result of the City's popularity.

1. The Spring Break Task Force's charge and scope of work should include, but not be limited to:
  - a. Serve in an advisory capacity to the City Manager with respect to public safety matters pertaining to upcoming Spring Break 2024 and its impact on the quality of life of our City.
  - b. Make recommendations as to the needs and concerns of the public and the businesses in the City, including how those needs can best be met.

- c. Focus on, and make recommendations regarding, proposed Spring Break harm reduction initiatives.

**D. Conflict of interest.**

accordance with Florida law, under circumstances presenting a conflict of interest, an advisory board member should abstain from voting with respect to any measure in which the advisory board member has a personal, private, or professional interest and which inures to his special private gain or the special gain of a principal by whom he is retained. the City Attorney's Office liaison shall assist advisory board members in addressing any potential voting conflicts, as necessary.

**E. Administrative Liaison**

the supporting departments for the Spring Break Task Force shall be the City Manager's Office, the Public Works Department, and the Police Department. The City Attorney's Office shall provide legal counsel to the Spring Break Task Force.