

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A ONE-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE MIAMI BEACH COMMISSION FOR WOMEN AT ITS JULY 2023 MEETING, FOR THE CITY TO PURCHASE DRUG DETECTION CARDS, IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$5,000, TO BE DISTRIBUTED BY THE CITY DURING HIGH IMPACT PERIODS AND SPECIAL EVENTS, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES AND HOTELS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Miami Beach Commission for Women passed a motion at their July 2023 meeting urging the City to purchase and distribute date rape drug detection cards at the City's discretion; and

**WHEREAS**, following the success of the Bar Watch Program in the City of Fort Lauderdale, the Miami Beach Police Department, along with the City's Parks & Recreation and Tourism & Culture Departments, have researched the matter and agree that a community awareness initiative to coincide with Spring Break and/or Memorial Day Weekend activities could yield positive awareness-raising outcomes among visitors and tourists to the City; and

**WHEREAS**, persons unknowingly ingesting incapacitating drugs, that have been surreptitiously slipped into their drinks, are easier targets for predators seeking to commit sexual and/or economically driven crimes on unsuspecting victims of all ages and sexes which crimes have long-lasting physical, emotional, and financial effects; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has identified a bulk vendor of customizable drinks coasters and cards that utilize a technology which, upon contact with a laced beverage, will change color by detecting the incapacitating drugs Gamma Hydroxybutyrate (GHB) and Ketamine; and

**WHEREAS**, the City would like to explore engaging and/or partnering with area hospitality and entertainment businesses to display and/or distribute the cards and/or coasters, over the course of a year, in a manner like Fort Lauderdale; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Administration desires to potentially disseminate the cards at large events and/or high impact periods, such as Spring Break and/or Memorial Day Weekend which would require the acquisition of approximately 5,000 personalized cards (as is standard for large scale events) at a discounted price of approximately \$5,000; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the recommendation of the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee, the cards will contain a disclaimer that their detection capability is limited to GHB and Ketamine, and that the cards do not test for any other drugs or potentially harmful substances; and

**WHEREAS**, the City will evaluate the success of the Pilot Program and report back to the City Commission upon its conclusion.

**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 authorize the approval of a one-year Pilot Program, as recommended by the Miami Beach Commission for Women at its July 2023 meeting, for the City to purchase drug detection cards, in

the approximate amount of \$5,000, to be distributed by the City during High Impact Periods and Special Events, in partnership with local businesses and hotels.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

**ATTEST:**

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Steven Meiner, Mayor

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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

MAF

1-8-24  
Date