

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT SENATE BILL 30, WHICH SEEKS TO REQUIRE ALL FLORIDA BOATERS TO CARRY PROOF OF BOATER-SAFETY TRAINING AND PRESCRIBES PENALTIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO BOAT UNDER THE INFLUENCE; AND FURTHER, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE SPEAKER OF THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA SENATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 30 (“SB 30”) has been filed for consideration during the Florida Legislature’s 2024 session by Senator Ileana Garcia; and

**WHEREAS**, if adopted, SB 30 would require all Florida boaters to carry proof of boater-safety training; and

**WHEREAS**, under current law, only persons born on or after January 1, 1988 are required to possess a Florida boating safety identification card or similar certification when operating a vessel powered by 10 horsepower or more; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 30 expands the boating safety identification card or similar certification requirement by removing the age exemption, effective July 1, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 30 also adds mandatory boating safety education course requirements for persons convicted of certain boating safety violations, including the addition of a four-hour mandatory boating safety education course for specified violations as well as insurance requirements for persons convicted of boating under the influence and related criminal penalties for those who fail to procure such insurance; and

**WHEREAS**, boating under the influence of alcohol or drugs is a significant problem in Florida’s waterways, where more than 600 boaters were caught operating vessels under the influence in 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, in light of the large number of boaters – both residents and tourists - operating vessels in the waterways surrounding our island-city, boating safety is of the utmost importance to the City of Miami Beach; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Commission support the adoption of SB 30 and urge the Florida Legislature to adopt SB 30 to help ensure the public welfare, health, and safety of residents and tourists of Florida.

**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 urge the Florida Legislature to adopt Senate Bill 30, which seeks to

require all Florida boaters to carry proof of boater-safety training and prescribes penalties for individuals who boat under the influence; and further, direct the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, and the President of the Florida Senate.

**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 Alex J. Fernandez)

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION



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City Attorney

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Date