

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S PRIOR DEPLOYMENT OF GOODWILL AMBASSADORS DURING SPRING BREAK, AND URGING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO CONTINUE ITS PRACTICE OF PROVIDING GOODWILL AMBASSADORS TO THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH DURING THE SPRING BREAK PERIOD, RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THEIR PRESENCE IN UPHOLDING PUBLIC SAFETY AND ENHANCING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach recognize the vital role played by Goodwill Ambassadors in maintaining public safety and enhancing the visitor experience during high impact periods such as Spring Break; and

WHEREAS, the presence of goodwill ambassadors serves to educate and guide visitors on the City's regulations, assists in crowd monitoring, aids law enforcement in traffic management, and provides invaluable assistance to individuals with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has consistently demonstrated its unwavering support for the well-being and prosperity of Miami Beach over the years by deploying volunteer County employees as Goodwill Ambassadors to assist the City during its high impact periods such as Spring Break and Memorial Day Weekend; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission wish to express their profound appreciation to Miami-Dade County for its steadfast commitment and partnership over the years; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission further wish to urge Miami-Dade County to continue its practice of providing Goodwill Ambassadors to the City of Miami Beach during the Spring Break period, recognizing the importance of their presence in upholding public safety and enhancing community engagement; and

WHEREAS, the City's Black Affairs Advisory Committee (the "Committee") has extensively discussed the significance of Goodwill Ambassadors, affirming their value and relevance during their meetings held in December 2023, January 2024, and February 2024; and

WHEREAS, at its December 12, 2023 meeting, the Committee formally motioned for the deployment of Goodwill Ambassadors from both the County and the City, recognizing their instrumental role in fostering community relations and advancing the City's safety objectives; and

WHEREAS, the City formally requested assistance of County's Goodwill Ambassadors on January 16, 2024 but regrettably, the County rejected the City's formal request on February 5, 2024, despite the clear and compelling rationale; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission urge the County to reconsider its position and continue its practice of providing Goodwill Ambassadors to the City of Miami Beach during the Spring Break period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA that the Mayor and the City hereby express appreciation for Miami-Dade County's prior deployment of Goodwill Ambassadors during

Spring Break, and urge Miami-Dade County to continue its practice of providing Goodwill Ambassadors to the City of Miami Beach during the Spring Break period, recognizing the importance of their presence in upholding public safety and enhancing community engagement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Alex J. Fernandez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney *[Signature]* _____
Date