

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, EXTENDING THE “AD HOC IGUANA REMEDIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE,” FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR (SUBJECT TO EARLIER OR LATER SUNSET BY THE CITY COMMISSION) THROUGH JUNE 28, 2025, TO CONTINUE TO STUDY WHAT ACTIONS OTHER JURISDICTIONS HAVE TAKEN TO ADDRESS IGUANA INVASIONS AND MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION REGARDING IGUANA MITIGATION AND REMOVAL OPTIONS.**

**WHEREAS**, black spiny-tailed iguana, the Mexican spiny-tailed iguana, and green iguanas are not native to Florida and are considered an invasive species due to their impacts to native wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, iguanas indiscriminately eat any plant material they can get their claws on, including landscaping, widespread and endangered plants in the state, and tropical fruit and vegetable crops; and

**WHEREAS**, iguanas also cause significant damage to buildings and other man-made and natural structures with their large, elaborate burrows, and disturb various native wildlife populations by hijacking other animals' burrows, such as the native burrowing owl and gopher tortoise; and

**WHEREAS**, like all nonnative reptile species, iguanas are not protected in Florida except by anti-cruelty laws and can be humanely removed as long as it is done under the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, the City launched a successful iguana removal pilot program where over 200 iguanas were removed from facilities such as Brittany Bay Park, Muss Park, Pinetree Park, and Flamingo Park by Redline Iguana Removal; and

**WHEREAS**, after the successful pilot program, the City contracted Redline Iguana Removal for a yearly service to the City, and established an iguana mitigation and removal program, with the strategy to remove large iguanas and control future breeding and nests; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's Property Management staff also negotiated a resident rate for removal of iguanas on private property at a rate of \$70.00 per service call (regularly \$100.00); and

**WHEREAS**, on November 3, 2021, the City awarded ITQ 2022-062-NA to Iguana Control for iguana remediation, with the service collecting and humanely euthanizing over 1,000 iguanas citywide since January 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, despite these efforts, the iguana population continues to grow; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 14, 2022, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2022-32269, establishing an Ad Hoc Iguana Remediation Advisory Committee, for a term of six (6) months, to study actions other jurisdictions have taken to address similar iguana invasions, in addition to contracting with an iguana mitigation and removal program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Committee was scheduled to sunset in March 2023 after its original six-month term, but was re-established for a period of one year via Resolution No. 2023-32650, with a sunset date of June 28, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, much work remains to be done, as iguana remediation efforts of the City are not completed, and residents remain concerned; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a continued need for the Committee to meet and monitor the progress of the remediation efforts, and it would be beneficial for the Committee to continue its work; and

**WHEREAS**, as such, the Mayor and City Commission wish to extend the Committee for an additional year, through June 28, 2025.

**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 re-establish the "Ad Hoc Iguana Remediation Advisory Committee," for a period of one year (subject to earlier or later sunset by the City Commission), to study what actions other jurisdictions have taken to address iguana invasions and making recommendations to the Mayor and City Commission regarding iguana mitigation and removal options.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024.

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Steven Meiner, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Mayor Steven Meiner)

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

5/8/2024

Date