

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING, PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 2016-29506, A TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURE FOR PACIFIC 2.1 ENTERTAINMENT GROUP, INC., TO CLOSE THE SOUTHBOUND LANES ON COLLINS AVENUE, A MAJOR ROADWAY, BETWEEN 52<sup>ND</sup> STREET AND 53<sup>RD</sup> STREET, AND REROUTE SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC TO A SINGLE LANE ON THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE NORTHBOUND LANES ON COLLINS AVENUE, CONTINUOUSLY FROM WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2017, AT 10:00 A.M., THROUGH FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2017, AT 7:00 A.M. (WITH ALTERNATIVE WEATHER DATES FROM FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2017, AT 10:00 A.M., THROUGH SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017, AT 7:00 A.M.), EXCLUDING RESTRICTED RUSH HOUR PERIODS FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 10:00 A.M. AND FROM 3:30 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M., TO ALLOW THE FILMING OF "AMERICAN CRIME STORY: VERSACE," BY RECREATING THE TRUE LOCATION OF THE HOUSEBOAT CONCLUSION SCENE AND SUBSEQUENT POLICE INVESTIGATION OF THE 1997 ANDREW CUNANAN CASE.

**WHEREAS**, Pacific 2.1 Entertainment Group, Inc., a division of 20th Century Fox Studios, is currently in production for Season 2 of the Emmy-winning FX Network series "American Crime Story," focusing this season on the true crime story of the 1997 murder of Italian fashion designer Gianni Versace on Ocean Drive in Miami Beach, by the serial killer Andrew Cunanan, and the subsequent investigation and manhunt led by local police; and

**WHEREAS**, the production team filmed several sequences on Ocean Drive in May of 2017, before moving the team to Los Angeles, California, for the majority of the production work, due to available film incentives not currently offered in the state of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the production team is returning to Miami Beach to film additional scenes for the show, including the infamous conclusion scene that saw Cunanan take his life aboard a re-creation of the houseboat docked off of Collins Avenue and 52<sup>nd</sup> Street; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to ensure period accuracy, the production team is requesting the subject road closure and traffic reroute around the filming area; and

**WHEREAS**, the request is to close the southbound lanes on Collins Avenue, between 52<sup>nd</sup> Street and 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, and to reroute southbound traffic onto the westernmost lane of northbound Collins Avenue, between 52<sup>nd</sup> Street and 53<sup>rd</sup> Street, with the closure to take effect continuously from Wednesday, November 15, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. through Friday, November 17, 2017 at 7:00 a.m., excluding restricted rush hour periods from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., and from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., during which time the production team will remove the barricades, and traffic will flow normally on all lanes of Collins Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the production team has further requested alternative dates, if necessary due to inclement weather, of Friday, November 17, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., through Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 7:00 a.m., also excluding restricted rush hour periods; and

**WHEREAS**, Pacific 2.1 Entertainment Group, Inc., has provided the City with a Maintenance of Traffic plan (attached hereto as Exhibit "A"), which has been reviewed by the City's Transportation Department; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Maintenance of Traffic plan, Pacific 2.1 Entertainment Group, Inc., will (i) hire off-duty Miami Beach Police officers to coordinate the proposed road closure, (ii) notify all affected parties from 41<sup>st</sup> Street to 63<sup>rd</sup> Street of the closure, and (iii) further provide Variable Message Signs (VMS) no less than a week in advance of the closure; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution No. 2016-29506, the City has adopted a policy requiring that all future special events requiring lane closures along major thoroughfares in the City of Miami Beach must obtain prior approval from the Miami Beach City Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, film permit applicants, such as Pacific 2.1 Entertainment Group, Inc., are not required by Resolution No. 2016-29506 to seek prior approval from the Miami Beach City Commission for a road closure; however, because of the potential traffic impacts of this closure, the Administration has sought City Commission approval.

**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 approve, pursuant to Resolution No. 2016-29506, a temporary lane closure for Pacific 2.1 Entertainment Group, Inc., to close the southbound lanes on Collins Avenue, a major roadway, between 52nd Street and 53rd Street, and reroute southbound traffic to a single lane on the western portion of the northbound lanes on Collins Avenue, continuously from Wednesday, November 15, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., through Friday, November 17, 2017, at 7:00 a.m. (with alternative weather dates from Friday, November 17, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., through Saturday, November 18, 2017, at 7:00 a.m.), excluding restricted rush hour periods from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., to allow the filming of "American Crime Story: Versace," by recreating the true location of the houseboat conclusion scene and subsequent police investigation of the 1997 Andrew Cunanan case.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

**ATTEST:**

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Philip Levine  
Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

*[Handwritten Signature]* 10-27-17  
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City Attorney                      Date

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