

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF  
THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND  
AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO RETROACTIVELY ACCEPT  
DONATIONS OF UP TO 14 HOTEL ROOM NIGHTS FOR  
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND FOR ESSENTIAL CITY STAFF.**

**WHEREAS**, similar to the City's successful planning efforts for past Memorial Day Weekends, the City has prepared for the 2018 Memorial Day Holiday Weekend which took place Thursday, May 24, 2018 through Tuesday, May 29, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, irrespective of any events and based upon early occupancy, it was anticipated that the number of visitors and tourists during the Memorial Day Weekend will significantly strain City resources; and

**WHEREAS**, historically, the City has played host to more than 100,000 Memorial Day guests, visitors, and spectators on Miami Beach during the Memorial Day Weekend holiday. As a result, enhanced and increased staffing was necessary across departments to ensure resident and visitor safety, and to protect quality of life and public welfare. Essential City employees work in excess of 12 hours each day throughout the weekend; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Management Team, as well as various City departments, including Parking, Code Compliance, Public Works, Sanitation, Tourism, Culture and Economic Development, Fire/Rescue, and the Police Department worked through the weekend during various shifts, to provide necessary support and oversight; and

**WHEREAS**, during Memorial Day Weekend 2018, the City hosted a number of events including: The National Salute to America's Heroes Air & Sea Show which utilized a large footprint on the beach and Ocean Drive. In addition, as curated by the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Panel on Memorial Day Weekend, the City hosted a number of smaller cultural and entertainment events, including, but not limited to, a basketball game, a gospel choir performance, and a movie screening; and

**WHEREAS**, the Loews Miami Beach Hotel offered to donate five (5) standard hotel rooms and the Royal Palm South Beach Miami Hotel offered three (3) standard hotel rooms, respectfully, to help reduce travel time and keep essential City employees readily accessible during the weekend; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff worked with additional hotels to provide six (6) more rooms for essential City staff; and

**WHEREAS**, these donations were provided to the City for official business associated with efforts for Memorial Day Weekend. These donations were made to the City and not to individual City staff members.

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 retroactively approve and authorize the City to accept donations of up to 14 hotel room nights for Memorial Day Weekend for essential City staff as set forth herein.

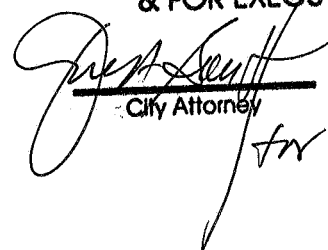
PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

ATTEST:

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Dan Gelber, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

6/1/18  
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Date