

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-29506**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AT ITS MAY 13, 2016 MEETING TO ADOPT A POLICY REQUIRING THAT ALL FUTURE SPECIAL EVENTS REQUIRING LANE CLOSURES ALONG MAJOR THOROUGHFARES IN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH OBTAIN PRIOR CITY COMMISSION APPROVAL.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Miami Beach is one of the main event centers in the South Florida region and, due to increased traffic during special events, the City's roadway network experiences significant delays and congestion; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past 3 years, the City has developed several signalization, management, and transit initiatives to mitigate additional traffic; however, given the limited capacity on our major roadways, mobility is still significantly impacted; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, there are eleven (11) yearly special events requiring lane closures along major roadways in the City:

- Miami Tropical 5K
- Miami Marathon & Half Marathon
- Miami Beach 13.1
- South Beach Triathlon
- AIDS Walk
- Escape to Miami Triathlon
- Burger King Beach Run
- Halloween Half Marathon
- Serena Williams Live Ultimate Run
- Yacht Show
- Satellite Fairs during Art Basel
- Ciclovía
- Dolphins Cancer Challenge
- Wounded Warriors ride
- Great Eskate
- Chanukah Car Parade; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of the above special events are race events that have been occurring regularly for some time; and

**WHEREAS**, at the May 13, 2016 Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee (NCAC) meeting, City staff presented various mitigation ideas to improve traffic flow in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, at its meeting, the NCAC expressed concerns with eliminating these special events and indicated that better communication to residents about the events can help mitigate traffic impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the mitigation ideas discussed at the NCAC meeting was further restrictions on the hours for special event permits that allow the blocking of the public right-of-way; and

**WHEREAS**, while the NCAC was not in favor of further restrictions on the hours of street closures or modifications to the permit fee schedule for closures along major thoroughfares consistent with that proposed for construction closures because of the anticipated impact to existing events, the Committee recommended that the City Commission adopt a policy requiring that all future special events requiring lane closures along main thoroughfares obtain prior City Commission approval; and

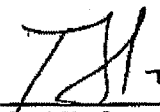
**WHEREAS**, this requirement would not apply to film productions; and

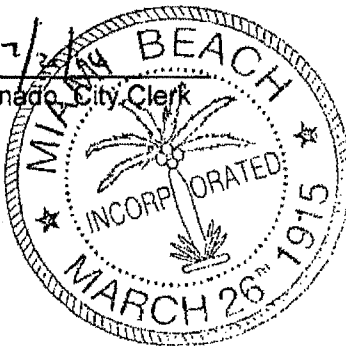
**WHEREAS**, following the adoption of this Resolution, corresponding amendments to the City's Special Events Requirements and Guidelines will be submitted to the City Commission for consideration.

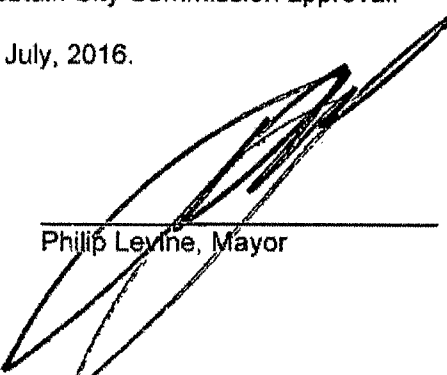
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA**, the the Mayor and City Commission hereby accept the recommendation of the Neighborhood/Community Affairs Committee to adopt a policy requiring that all future special events requiring lane closures along major thoroughfares in the City of Miami Beach obtain City Commission approval.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.


**ATTEST:**

  
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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk



  
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Philip Levine, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

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

7/5/16  
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Date