

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, OPPOSING THE USE OF THE MELREESE GOLF COURSE, THE ONLY PUBLIC, MUNICIPAL-OWNED, AND RESILIENT GOLF COURSE GREEN SPACE IN THE CITY OF MIAMI, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SOCCER STADIUM AND AN OFFICE, RETAIL, AND HOTEL COMPLEX.**

**WHEREAS**, a group of local and foreign investors have approached the City of Miami and Miami-Dade County with a proposal to build a major league soccer stadium, along with a large office, retail, and hotel complex, on the site of the Melreese Country Club golf course ("Golf Course"), the City of Miami's only public course; and

**WHEREAS**, the Golf Course is located on 135 acres and includes five lakes, nine waste bunkers, 97 sand bunkers, and a cypress wetland; and

**WHEREAS**, the Golf Course is a vast and environmentally resilient green space that has a half million dollar drainage system that allows for golf play when most other courses are unplayable; and

**WHEREAS**, sea level rise is a matter of serious concern for all global coastal areas, and, particularly, for South Florida, which is already experiencing sunny day flooding and is built on porous limestone; and

**WHEREAS**, converting a resilient green space, with a state-of-the-art drainage system, into a massive concrete development is counter to the efforts to address climate change in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, instead of paving over green spaces that are currently resilient and may, in the future, serve as crucial permeable areas for future storm water absorption, alternative locations for the proposed soccer stadium and commercial complex should be seriously considered.

**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 oppose the use of the Melreese Golf Course, the only public, municipal-owned, and resilient golf course green space in the City of Miami, for the construction of a soccer stadium and an office, retail, and hotel complex.

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

**ATTEST:**

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Dan Gelber, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez)

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**APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION**

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City Attorney

7/17/18  
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Date