

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING IN CONCEPT AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CITY ADMINISTRATION TO DEVELOP A DATABASE AND REGISTRY OF LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER (“LGBT”) OWNED BUSINESSES; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE AND THE PROCUREMENT DIRECTOR TO WORK ON LEGISLATION CODIFYING A REGISTRY OF LGBT CERTIFIED BUSINESSES, AS CERTIFIED BY NGLCC, WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE CITY COMMISSION FOR CONSIDERATION, ON FIRST READING, AT A FUTURE MEETING.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Miami Beach (the “City”) is one of the most diverse cities in the country with a large LGBT community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City prides itself on being a diverse and inclusive community and has demonstrated a long history of opposing discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, among other categories; and

**WHEREAS**, as stated in the City’s Human Rights Ordinance, which is codified in Sections 62-31 through 62-113 of the City Code, “prejudice, intolerance, bigotry and discrimination and disorder occasioned thereby threaten the rights and proper privileges of its inhabitants and menace the very institutions, foundations and bedrock of a free, democratic society”; and

**WHEREAS**, in view of the foregoing principles, the City’s Human Rights Ordinance prohibits discrimination in employment, public accommodations, housing, and public services, on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, intersexuality, gender identity, and sexual orientation, among other classifications; and

**WHEREAS**, ensuring the success of our small business community in the City is vital to our growth and improving quality of life for our residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is committed to providing underrepresented business owners equal opportunities to compete and succeed, and is committed to increasing the number and diversity of supplier options; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is seeking to better understand the LGBT owned business community by creating a database and registry of these businesses and to track usage of LGBT owned and certified businesses in the procurement of goods and services; and

**WHEREAS**, the National LGBT Chamber of Commerce (“NGLCC”) is the exclusive, third-party certification body that verifies that eligible businesses are majority-owned by LGBT individuals, and subsequently grants Certified LGBT Business Enterprise® designation to such businesses as part of its LGBT Supplier Diversity Initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to qualify as an LGBT-owned business, at least 51% of the business must be owned, operated, managed, and controlled by LGBT person or persons who are either U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents; and

**WHEREAS**, by becoming a Certified LGBT business, such businesses are able to build relationships with America's leading corporations, generate prospective business and clients, and collectively team with each other for contracting opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, as such, the Mayor and City Commission authorize and direct City Administration to develop a database and registry of LGBT owned businesses as those that are owned by 51% or more by LGBT individuals, as certified by NGLCC; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Commission further authorize and direct the City Attorney's Office to work with the Procurement Director on legislation, codifying a registry of LGBT certified businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, once the registry is established, the City will monitor, and track usage of LGBT certified businesses in the procurement of goods and services for the City of Miami Beach; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition, the City will provide LGBT certified businesses with training programs and services to ensure such businesses are familiar with how to do business with the City and are informed about procurement opportunities.

**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 in concept, and authorize and direct City Administration to develop a database and registry of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender ("LGBT") certified businesses, as certified by NGLCC; and further authorize and direct the City Attorney's Office and the Procurement Director to work on legislation codifying a registry of LGBT certified businesses, which will be presented to the City Commission for consideration, on first reading, at a future meeting.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of March, 2020.

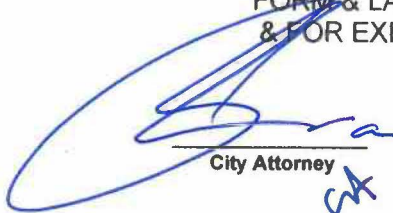
**ATTEST:**

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Dan Gelber, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner David Richardson)

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
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City Attorney

5/4/2020  
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Date