

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING GOVERNOR DESANTIS TO EXPAND THE NEW MOBILE COVID-19 TESTING VEHICLE SERVICES TO MIAMI BEACH SENIORS RESIDING IN RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES AND INDEPENDENT LIVING FACILITIES, AS WELL AS THEIR EMPLOYEES, AND DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE ALL AND ANY ACTIONS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO FACILITATE SUCH EXPANSION.**

**WHEREAS**, on May 6, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis announced a new way to help contain the spread of the virus in Florida's elderly population; and

**WHEREAS**, a new mobile testing vehicle will travel to Florida's long-term care facilities to test residents and employees for the novel coronavirus and provide results in 45 minutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the vehicle will begin by traveling in Miami-Dade to areas with multiple nursing homes close together and process about 500 tests a day; and

**WHEREAS**, bringing rapid testing to nursing homes is just the state's newest way to protect nursing home and assisted living facility residents – senior citizens are the most vulnerable to COVID-19 and represent the bulk of the deaths in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, as of May 6, 2020, COVID-19 has infected close to 1,600 seniors in Florida's long-term care homes and 1,550 staff, according to the Florida Department of Health data, resulting in at least 577 deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, while prioritizing and focusing on long-term care facilities for Florida seniors is an appropriate priority, seniors living in retirement communities and independent living facilities are also vulnerable to rapid spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Miami Beach has twenty (20) retirement communities and independent living facilities for seniors within its jurisdiction (see attached Exhibit A); and

**WHEREAS**, while the City currently offers at-home testing with Med-Rite to seniors who are unable to access testing locations, the new mobile testing service is more effective and convenient; and

**WHEREAS**, considering how rapidly COVID-19 can spread among vulnerable populations, Miami Beach seniors will greatly benefit from mobile testing centers, which are convenient for individuals and are able to provide results within 45 minutes; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the foregoing, the Mayor and City Commission of Miami Beach request Governor Ron DeSantis to make available the new mobile COVID-19

testing vehicle services for Miami Beach seniors residing in retirement communities and independent living facilities, as well as their employees.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA**, that the Mayor and the City Commission hereby urge Governor DeSantis to expand the new mobile COVID-19 testing vehicle services to Miami Beach seniors residing in retirement communities and independent living facilities, as well as their employees, and direct the City Administration to take all and any actions necessary in order to facilitate such expansion.

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

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Dan Gelber, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner Mark Samuelian)

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

*[Handwritten Signature]*

*5/8/20*

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City Attorney

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Date

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## Exhibit "A"

<b>Business name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Category</b>
Allen Apartments	2001 Washington Avenue	Apartment Building
Council Towers North	1040 Collins Avenue	Apartment Building
Council Towers South	533 Collins Avenue	Apartment Building
Edwards Apartments	953 Collins Avenue	Apartment Building
Federation Towers	757 West Avenue	Apartment Building
Four Freedoms House	3800 Collins Avenue	Apartment Building
Jefferson Apartments	542 Jefferson Avenue	Apartment Building
Lulav Square Apartments/Michigan Avenue Apartments	620, 628, 638, & 644 Lenox Avenue	Apartment Building
Rebecca Towers	150 & 200 Alton Road	Apartment Building
Shep Davis Plaza	220 23rd Street	Apartment Building
Stella Maris House	8638 Harding Avenue	Apartment Building/Home Health Agency
Villa Maria	2800 Collins Avenue	Apartment Building
Villa Mati	221 28th Street	Apartment Building
Meridian Plaza	530 Meridian Avenue	Apartment Building
Blackstone Apartments	800 Washington Avenue	Apartment Building
532 Michigan Ave, LLC	530 & 532 Michigan Avenue	Apartment Building
Henderson Court	328 Jefferson Ave	
Steven E Chayking Apartments	321 Michigan Ave	Apartment Building
Leonard Turkel Residences	246 Jefferson 'Ave	Apartment Building
Louis Apartments	211 Collins Ave	Apartment Building