

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE 2020
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LOCAL MITIGATION STRATEGY (LMS).**

WHEREAS, Chapter 163 of the Florida Statutes requires government units to plan for hazards and emergencies and to adopt a local mitigation strategy and have programs to improve disaster preparedness and the ability to protect lives and property, especially in coastal high-hazard areas (LMS); and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is the designated local coordinator of the LMS Program for the Miami-Dade County area; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County prepares all the municipal components of the LMS Program into a single unified Countywide Local Mitigation Strategy; and

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of the LMS is to establish an on-going process that will make hazard mitigation part of the County's annual routine, and the LMS is a process whereby the County assesses its vulnerabilities to all types of hazards (i.e. hurricanes, tornados, wildfires, thunderstorms, marine hazards, floods, man-made hazards, lightening, etc.) and identifies a comprehensive list of goals, objectives, plans, programs and/or projects in an effort to decrease or eliminate the effects of those vulnerabilities, and then prioritizes the implementation of those initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach was selected as a Resilient City in 2016 by the 100 Resilient Cities initiative pioneered by the Rockefeller Foundation and the City Commission accepted the Miami Beach Strategic Plan through the Lens of Resilience and the Resilient305 Strategy on July 17, 2019 via Resolution 2019-30905; both plans prioritize resilience to shocks and stresses that the LMS addresses; and

WHEREAS, the County LMS plan satisfies the minimum Federal Emergency Management Agency local mitigation plan standards of acceptability to remain eligible for Federal and State disaster and non-disaster mitigation funding opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the County's LMS Plan must be in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and must be updated every five years to remain compliant; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach has participated in the Miami-Dade County LMS since 2000, and last adopted the Miami-Dade County LMS on December 9, 2015 via Resolution 2015-29203; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners has adopted a Local Mitigation Strategy for Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the City's participation and adoption of the Miami-Dade County LMS will assist in improving the City of Miami Beach's standing and classification in the Community Rating System (CRS), making flood insurance under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) more affordable; and

WHEREAS, the NFIP's CRS is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed the minimum NFIP requirements; and

WHEREAS, flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from the community actions meeting the three goals of the CRS: (1) reduce flood damage to insurable property; (2) strengthen and support the insurance aspects of the NFIP; and (3) encourage a comprehensive approach to floodplain management; and

WHEREAS, the City improved its CRS score from a 6 to a 5 in 2019, increasing flood insurance premiums savings from 20% to 25% citywide; and

WHEREAS, the CRS is a points-based system that reduces flood insurance premiums for the citizens of participating communities; and

WHEREAS, for the City to remain a Class 5 in the CRS's classification program, NFIP has requested that the City of Miami Beach adopt a resolution to adopt the Local Mitigation Strategy for Miami-Dade County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby adopts the 2020 Miami-Dade County Local Mitigation Strategy.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2020.

ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

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

[Signature]

City Attorney

[Signature] 09/03/2020

Date

for