RESOLUTION NO._____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, ON BEHALF OF THE MIAMI BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ON BEHALF OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN MIAMI BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS TRAINING AND, UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF TRAINING, ACCESS TO FLORIDA'S FACIAL RECOGNITION NETWORK, TO AID THE MIAMI BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT IN IDENTIFIYING MISSING PERSONS AND CRIMINAL SUSPECTS.

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Miami Beach Police Department ("Police Department") to utilize advanced technologies, investigative best practices and develop mutually beneficial partnerships to prevent and solve crimes that take place within the City of Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has determined that facial recognition software and their associated databases have proven to be highly effective tools in the identification of missing persons and criminal suspects; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office ("PCSO") hosts the largest single facial recognition database in the United States, known as Florida's Facial Recognition Network ("FR-Net"); and

WHEREAS, PCSO also maintains the Face Analysis Comparison & Examination System ("FACES") which performs automated facial recognition searches and facial image comparisons for various law enforcement agencies throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, over 230 partnering agencies in Florida utilize FR-Net to compare photographs of unknown criminal suspects against a database of over 25 million identified facial images which have been obtained from various criminal and non-criminal sources such as drivers' licenses, mugshots and federal identifications; and

WHEREAS, executing the proposed Memorandum of Understanding with PCSO would provide online training information for select members of the Miami Beach Police Department and, upon successful completion of the training, authorize and grant those trained Police Department personnel access to FR-Net in order to perform automated facial recognition searches and facial image comparisons through FACES; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach desires to execute the Memorandum of Understanding in order for the Police Department to obtain access to FR-Net, thereby improving and enhancing the capability of the Police Department to generate

investigative leads in the identification of missing persons and criminal suspects.

        NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, authorizing the City Manager and City Clerk to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Miami Beach, on behalf of the Miami Beach Police Department, and Pinellas County, Florida, on behalf of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, to provide certain Miami Beach Police Department Officers training and, upon successful completion of training, access to Florida's Facial Recognition Network, to aid the Miami Beach Police Department in identifying missing persons and criminal suspects.

        PASSED and ADOPTED this _____ day of April 2021.

ATTEST:

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Dan Gelber, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

                                          APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

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4-5-21

        City Attorney   Date