RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, AND WITH JEWISH COMMUNITIES ALL OVER THE WORLD, IN MOURNING THE TERRIBLE TRAGEDY AT MOUNT MERON.

WHEREAS, the holiday of Lag BaOmer is one of the happiest days on the calendar for Jews around the world and a time of mass celebrations; and

WHEREAS, every year, tens of thousands of people gather at Mount Meron in northern Israel; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2021, an estimated 100,000 people attended in celebration; and

WHEREAS, however, the festive gathering at Mount Meron turned into one of Israel's worst-ever tragedies, with at least 45 people crushed to death and at least 150 people injured in a stampede; and

WHEREAS, the loss of life among worshipers practicing their faith is heartbreaking; and

WHEREAS, the people of the United States and Israel are bound together by our families, our faiths, and our histories, and stand together during this great tragedy.

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 hereby stand in solidarity with the people of Israel, and with Jewish communities around the world, in mourning the terrible tragedy at Mount Meron.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2021.

ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner David Richardson)

APPROVED AS TO FORM & LANGUAGE & FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney 48

<u>5-4-</u>21 Date