

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ENDORSING, IN CONCEPT, THE CREATION OF A FLAGLER MONUMENT ISLAND CONSERVANCY, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FLAGLER MONUMENT ISLAND CONSERVANCY ADVISORY BOARD AND CONSERVANCY FUND, FOR THE BENEFIT OF CONSERVATION, MAINTENANCE, SECURITY AND POTENTIAL PROGRAMMING FOR FLAGLER MONUMENT ISLAND.

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach hosts approximately 13.3 million visitors each year, and is considered one of the world's most popular tourist destinations because of its beaches, and opportunities for boating and related aquatic sports and recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, Flagler Memorial Island, also known as the Flagler Monument Island (the "Monument Island"), is an uninhabited artificial island located within the City of Miami Beach (the "City") and Biscayne Bay; and

WHEREAS, due to its proximate location to South Beach, Monument Island attracts an extensive amount of people, creating excessive noise and nuisances, which adversely impacting quality of life of residents in the surrounding area, including residents along West Avenue, Belle Isle, the Venetian Islands, Hibiscus Island, and Star Island; and

WHEREAS, alcohol consumption, drug use, and general reckless activities proliferate on Monument Island and in the areas surrounding the island, as people drink, party, and engage in debauchery; and

WHEREAS, a park conservancy is a type of an initiative that fills in the gaps of municipal parks programs, including engaging in fundraising for gifts and bequests, advocating for parks or park systems, and overseeing the use of donations made to the conservancy, for the benefit of parks; and

WHEREAS, examples of successful conservancies is the Central Park Conservancy in New York, and the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy in California; and

WHEREAS, establishing a parks conservancy for Monument Island in the City of Miami Beach would supplement and support the City's Parks and Recreation Department by creating a structure for the City to fundraise for Monument Island, to seek and receive donations and bequests for the benefit of Monument Island-related maintenance, potential programming, restoration and security, with the goal of mitigating public safety and quality of life concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Monument Island Conservancy would be governed by an advisory board comprised of civic and community leaders appointed by the City Commission with the powers and duties to fundraise and receive donations and bequests for the benefit of the island, oversee the use of the funds, as well as volunteer and other advocacy efforts, all of which would be exclusively dedicated for the benefit of Monument Island; and

WHEREAS, if this Resolution is approved, the Administration and City Attorney's office will develop appropriate legislation to create the Flagler Monument Island Conservancy Advisory Board with powers, duties, and member composition in accordance with Chapter 2 of the City Code.

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 endorse, in concept, the creation of a Flagler Monument Island Conservancy, including the establishment of a Flagler Monument Island Conservancy Advisory Board and Conservancy Fund, for the benefit of conservation, maintenance, and programming for Flagler Monument Island.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2022.

Attest:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Alex J. Fernandez)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney

3-29-22
Date