

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE, AT ITS MARCH 30, 2022 MEETING, AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH PENNANTPARK INVESTMENT ADVISERS, LLC, FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE JOB CREATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM (THE "PROGRAM"), IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$60,000 PER YEAR, FOR UP TO FOUR (4) YEARS, SUBJECT TO FUNDING APPROPRIATION AND APPROVAL DURING THE CITY'S ANNUAL BUDGETARY PROCESS FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR DURING THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission have identified the need for making the City of Miami Beach (the "City") more business and user-friendly as a key objective in the City's 2019 Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Miami-Dade County has seen an uptick in relocation of technology and financial services firms from the Northeast, Silicon Valley, and other regions; and

WHEREAS, the City has become more economically diverse with the establishment of headquarters and offices among the technology and financial services industries with the potential for a hub to develop; and

WHEREAS, median and average wages among the technology and financial services industries are substantially higher than median and average wages in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, at its February 19, 2021 meeting, the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee unanimously recommended that the City Commission prioritize the attraction of technology and financial services firms to the City in order to diversify the economy and promote resiliency; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission recognize the benefits of a local approach to growing these industries in the City in consideration of the competitive regional and national market; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission seek to further diversify the City's economy by attracting, retaining, and expanding businesses in these targeted industries through the development of incentives and services to promote growth; and

WHEREAS, financial incentives related to the attraction, retention, or expansion of businesses in the technology and financial services industries will promote economic

diversification, resiliency, and an enhanced business climate; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2021, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2021-31618, directing the Administration to encourage and promote the attraction of these targeted industries; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2021, the Mayor and City Commission also adopted Resolution No. 2021-31620, authorizing the Administration to create a Job Creation Incentive Program ("JCIP" or "Program") for the purpose of attracting targeted industries to Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, the JCIP is a performance-based financial incentive available to technology and financial services firms and headquarters relocating to, or expanding in the City of Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the JCIP is to diversify the economy by strategically increasing the number of quality, high-wage jobs in Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, recipients of the JCIP must create or relocate a minimum of ten (10) new, fulltime equivalent jobs with average annual wages meeting or exceeding 125% of the State of Florida or Miami-Dade County average wage, whichever is higher, at the time of application to the Program; and

WHEREAS, New to Market companies that are recipients of the JCIP may be eligible for an award of up to \$60,000 per year for a total of four (4) years, subject to the appropriation and approval of the incentive payment during the City's budgetary process for each fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, PennantPark Investment Advisers, LLC ("PennantPark"), a New York-based investment advisory firm focused on middle market lending, is relocating its headquarters to Miami Beach and applied for the JCIP with plans to relocate, or create twenty (20) high wage jobs over a four (4) year period; and

WHEREAS, PennantPark is also participating in the Expedited Plan Review and Permitting Incentive Program, approved by the City Commission via Resolution No. 2021-31619; and

WHEREAS, at its March 30, 2022 meeting, the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee recommended approval of PennantPark's JCIP application based on its qualification as a New to Market company within the targeted industries, and other criteria including high-wage job creation.

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 accept the recommendation of the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee, at its March 30, 2022 meeting, and approve and authorize the City

Manager to execute an Agreement with PennantPark Investment Advisors, LLC, for participation in the Job Creation Incentive Program (the "Program"), in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 per year, for up to four (4) years, subject to funding appropriation and approval during the City's annual budgetary process for each fiscal year during the term of the Agreement.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this ____ day of _____, 2022.

Dan Gelber, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rafael E. Granada, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney *AA*

4-28-22
Date