

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE ACTIVE DESIGN MIAMI: DESIGN AND POLICY STRATEGIES FOR HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES (“ACTIVE DESIGN MIAMI”), DEVELOPED BY THE MIAMI CENTER FOR ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN (“MCAD”); AND DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO INCORPORATE ACTIVE DESIGN MIAMI STRATEGIES INTO PLANNING FUNCTIONS, WHEREVER POSSIBLE.**

**WHEREAS**, today’s global epidemic of chronic health conditions and diseases is driven by a range of factors, which include the powerful impacts of the built environment; and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to reverse negative health trends, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) recommend that communities focus on supporting healthy eating and active living in a variety of settings; and

**WHEREAS**, planners, architects, and public health professionals, working collaboratively, can serve an essential role in addressing rapid increases in the incidence of chronic health conditions and diseases, especially in light of mounting scientific evidence demonstrating the impact of environmental design on physical activity and healthy eating; and

**WHEREAS**, Active Design Miami: Design & Policy Strategies for Healthier Communities (“Active Design Miami”), which was developed by the Miami Center for Architecture and Design (“MCAD”), is an approach to shaping communities that leverages evidence-based urban design and architecture solutions to improve public health by influencing day-to-day behavior, all of which can directly impact community wellbeing (See Active Design Miami, attached as Exhibit “A”); and

**WHEREAS**, Active Design Miami is the product of a partnership between MCAD, the CDC, and the Florida Department of Health in order to develop design strategies for use by Miami-Dade County and the municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, after a one-year-long collaborative and open process which included Miami-Dade County and 20 local municipalities, Active Design Miami was developed in such a way as to include strategies suited to Miami-Dade’s context and needs; and

**WHEREAS**, Active Design Miami provides architects, planners, urban designers and governments with a manual of strategies for creating healthier buildings, streets, and urban spaces, based on the latest academic research and best practices in the field; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Miami Beach is committed to creating a physically active and healthy community through urban design by incorporating Active Design Miami strategies into planning functions, wherever possible.

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 adopt the Active Design Miami: Design and Policy Strategies for Healthier Communities, developed by the Miami Center for Architecture and Design; and direct City staff to incorporate Active Design Miami strategies into planning functions, wherever possible.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

ATTEST:

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Rafael E. Granado  
City Clerk

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Philip Levine  
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

Reed 1-31-17  
City Attorney Date

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