

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF \$30,000 FROM THE MIAMI BEACH TREE PRESERVATION TRUST FUND, ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, TO CONTRACT A TREE REMOVAL SERVICE TO ASSIST THE CITY WITH MAINTAINING THE CITY'S URBAN TREE CANOPY BY REMOVING DEAD, CRITICAL, AND/OR HAZARDOUS TREES.

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach's Urban Forestry Division conducts regular tree inventory surveys to track the health of trees in the City's urban canopy; and

WHEREAS, current tree inventory data shows over 1,500 dead or critical trees in the City's urban canopy; and

WHEREAS, the City's Greenspace Management Division has become overwhelmed by the large number of tree removals needed to sustain a healthy and resilient tree canopy; and

WHEREAS, the City's Urban Forester and Assistant Public Works Director have devised a plan to address this growing issue; and

WHEREAS, the joint project requires funds in the approximate amount of \$30,000 to contract a tree removal service to partially assist the City with the removal of the dead, critical and hazardous trees on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Beach Tree Preservation Trust Fund (the "Tree Trust Fund") was created for the purpose of accepting and disbursing the replacement fees paid to the City of Miami Beach as part of tree work permits and any other monies deposited with the Environment and Sustainability Department for tree preservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, per Section 46-65(4)(d) of the City Code, the trust funds must be used to obtain trees, landscaping, irrigation systems, and any other items or materials necessary and proper for the preservation, maintenance, relocation or restoration of trees and the urban forest on any publicly owned land or publicly accessible parcels in Miami Beach, or for similar programs approved by the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, the funding for this project will be allocated from the Tree Trust Fund on annual basis ; and

WHEREAS, execution of the contracts and Purchase Orders will be through Greenspace Management.

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 authorize the use of \$30,000 from the Miami Beach Tree Preservation Trust Fund, on annual basis, to contract a tree removal service to assist the City with maintaining the City's urban tree canopy by removing dead, critical, and/or hazardous trees.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of February, 2023.

ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney 

1-17-23
Date