

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO CONDUCT AN EXPEDITED REVIEW OF THE SYNCHRONIZATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON MAJOR CORRIDORS IN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, IN LIGHT OF REPEATED INSTANCES OF REPORTED SYNCHRONIZATION FAILURES WHICH GREATLY CONTRIBUTE TO GRIDLOCK AND TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE CITY.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Miami Beach ("City") is a major international tourist destination widely known for its world-class beaches, shopping, entertainment, and arts and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, the City hosts thousands of tourists, day-trippers, and other individuals driving to the City for employment or other purposes, each day; and

**WHEREAS**, over the last few months the City has experienced a significant increase in traffic volumes on major thoroughfares including 5<sup>th</sup> Street, 41<sup>st</sup> Street and 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, especially during the peak hours of 4 p.m. – 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, resulting in major congestion; and

**WHEREAS**, some of the traffic congestion experienced in the City of Miami Beach may be attributable to repeated instances of synchronization failures of traffic signals on major corridors in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, traffic signal synchronization is an important engineering tool for managing travel times and mitigating traffic volumes, as it serves to harmonize traffic signals at successive intersections to maximize passage of motorists along a corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, a brief power failure, or a minor mechanical issue, can cause timing drifts that over time that can significantly throw off the timing of lights on a corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, notwithstanding the City's prompt efforts to communicate synchronization issues with County staff, the synchronization challenges continue to persist along major City corridors; and

**WHEREAS**, accordingly, the Mayor and City Commission urge Miami-Dade County to conduct an expedited review of the synchronization of traffic signals on major corridors in the City of Miami Beach, in light of repeated instances of reported synchronization failures which have contributed to gridlock and traffic congestion in the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA,** that the Mayor and City Commission hereby urge Miami-Dade County to conduct an expedited review of the synchronization of traffic signals on major corridors in the City of Miami Beach, including 5<sup>th</sup> Street, 41<sup>st</sup> Street, 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, and Collins Avenue, in light of repeated instances of reported synchronization failures which greatly contribute to gridlock and traffic congestion in the City.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of February 2023.


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**ATTEST:**

Dan Gelber, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner Alex J. Fernandez)

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
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City Attorney *PAZ*      1-24-23  
Date