

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO EXPAND THE PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (PACE) PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FINANCING FOR IMPROVEMENTS THAT SUPPORT RESILIENCY IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, in 2010, the Florida Legislature adopted provisions in Section 163.08 of the Florida Statutes that allow local governments to create Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs for residents and businesses that provide financing for energy conservation and efficiency (e.g., energy-efficient heating, cooling, or ventilation systems), renewable energy (e.g., solar panels), wind resistance (e.g., impact resistant windows), and other improvements that are not inconsistent with State law; and

WHEREAS, through the PACE program, state and local residents and businesses are able to reduce their carbon footprint and energy costs, and local economies are benefitted by the stimulation of construction and contractor jobs; and

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2016, the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach passed and adopted Resolutions 2016-29450 and 2016-29451, which created a PACE program and authorized the City to enter into agreements with the Green Corridor Clean Energy Property Assessed District and the Florida PACE Funding Agency to implement the program; and

WHEREAS, climate change and sea level rise pose ever-increasing risks to coastal communities worldwide and, in particular, to the State of Florida, which has the most valuable waterfront real estate in the continental United States; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the goals of promoting the use of renewable energy resources and safeguarding residential and business properties from the effects of wind damage by encouraging wind resistant qualifying improvements, State funding assistance programs should be developed to encourage resilient property improvements that address and mitigate the effects of sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida should expand the PACE program to assist property owners with projects that raise foundations of existing historic structures above current elevation requirements, exceed elevation requirements for new construction, raise and reinforce sea walls, and other improvements that support resiliency.

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 urge the Florida Legislature to expand the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program to provide financing for improvements that support resiliency in the State of Florida.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of February, 2017.

ATTEST:

Philip Levine, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

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APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

Phil Levine 2-6-17
City Attorney Date