

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING SENATE
BILL 1000 (SB 1000) AND HOUSE BILL 1105 (HB 1105), WHICH
AMEND FLORIDA'S FIRESAFETY STANDARDS TO PRESERVE
ARCHITECTURALLY SIGNIFICANT BUILDING FEATURES.**

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1000 (SB 1000) and House Bill 1105 (HB 1105) have been filed for consideration during the Florida Legislature's 2017 session by Senator Daphne Campbell (D-North Miami Beach) and Representative David Richardson (D-Miami Beach), respectively; and

WHEREAS, SB 1000 and HB 1105 are similar Bills that amend Florida's firesafety standards by providing that buildings that were constructed and obtained a certificate of occupancy before 1965 may have balcony guard openings which allow passage of a sphere greater than 4 inches in diameter and less than 42 inches high if the guard was approved as part of the original building design; the guard is at least 40 inches high; and the building is designated as an historic property, a contributing property to an historic district, or is eligible for designation as a local historic property under a local preservation ordinance; and

WHEREAS, historic properties provide physical reminders of our past and tell the story of our society, culture, and values at a particular point in time; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Miami Beach (City) there are two architectural styles that are unique in the world, Art Deco and Miamo (Miami Modernism), which are represented throughout the City's various Historic Districts; and

WHEREAS, visitors from around the world come to Miami Beach to experience our historic architectural districts, and the largest concentration of Art Deco architecture in the world is found in Miami Beach's Architectural Historic District which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, features of the City's historic buildings are photographed and shared globally as cultural icons and the loss of these architectural representations of our identity, local character, and culture would have a negative impact on our citizens and economy; and

WHEREAS, the City's efforts to make its physical infrastructure resilient in response to climate change and sea level rise will extend decades into the future and SB 1000 and HB 1105 will help maintain, protect, and preserve the City's iconic architectural and historic past; and

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 support SB 1000 and HB 1105 which amend Florida's firesafety standards to preserve architecturally significant building features.

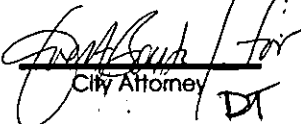
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of March, 2017.

ATTEST:

Philip Levine, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

 for 3/16/18
City Attorney DT Date