RESOLUTION NO. 2024-____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO PRIORITIZE THE INSTALLATION OF AN ARTIFICIAL TURF, SUCH AS K9GRASS, AT THE BELLE ISLE BARK PARK DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGETING PROCESS.

WHEREAS, dog parks provide numerous benefits to residents and their furry companions, including improved dog socialization, better physical health for dogs and community building; and

WHEREAS, the frequent need to rip out and reinstall sod at the Belle Isle Bark Park results in undue expense and the loss of use of the dog park during prolonged periods of time; and

WHEREAS, although the installation at the Belle Isle Bark Park of an artificial turf product such as K9Grass—which is specifically designed for use by dogs—would be costlier than the installation of sod, such a project (the "K9Grass Project") would more than pay off over time because of its projected longevity; and

WHEREAS, the K9Grass Project was included for consideration during the 2024 budget process, but was not approved due, in part, to insufficient community input; and

WHEREAS, the Belle Isle Residents Association conducted a survey among 128 residents and 95% of respondents who are frequent users of the park were in favor of installing an artificial turf product like K9Grass.

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 directing the Administration to prioritize the installation of an artificial turf, such as K9Grass, at the Belle Isle Bark Park during the fiscal year 2025 budgeting process.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this __ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM & LANGUAGE & FOR EXECUTION

4-1- Zu City Attorney

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Vice-Mayor Laura Dominguez)