

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY ATTORNEY TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTIONS AS MAY BE REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH A REWARD FUND FOR DONATIONS TO ONE MIAMI BEACH, INC., A NOT-FOR-PROFIT 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A POLICE REWARD FUND TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE CRIME-FIGHTING EFFORTS OF THE MIAMI BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the recommendation of Mayor Philip Levine, the City Commission established an independent not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization "One Miami Beach, Inc.," which was incorporated on February 11, 2014; and

WHEREAS, One Miami Beach, Inc., provides assistance to worthy and qualified needs and projects in Miami-Dade County that are exempt purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and may contract with for profit or other not-for-profit entities to accomplish its mission and goals; and

WHEREAS, in policing, a reward program is particularly useful in serious, high-profile cases where, in the early stages of the investigation, detectives may be short on leads and there is still significant media interest in the crime; and

WHEREAS, the initial publicity about the crime and a reward often leads to criminal tips to the police and a reward program to be implemented by One Miami Beach, Inc., is anticipated to have a significant impact on solving some of the City's most challenging cases; and

WHEREAS, in order to assist with its efforts to apprehend and convict perpetrators of serious crimes, such as shootings, murders, sexual assaults, and deadly hit-and-run accidents, the Miami Beach Police Department would receive assistance from Crime Stoppers of Miami-Dade County, Inc., a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, for the purpose of broadcasting reward offers, receiving telephone tips, and paying rewards after anonymous tips are carefully vetted and an arrest and a conviction are obtained; and

WHEREAS, all monies donated to the police reward fund would be received by One Miami Beach, Inc., and dispersed by One Miami Beach, Inc., only after the favorable recommendation of the Miami Beach Police Chief to the Board of Directors of One Miami Beach, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission deem it in the interest of the health, welfare, and safety of the City to establish a reward donation fund through One Miami Beach, Inc., with the assistance of Crime Stoppers of Miami-Dade County, Inc., a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, to assist with the arrest and conviction of serious criminals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby authorize the City Manager and the City Attorney to take any and all actions as may be required to establish a police reward fund for donations to One Miami Beach, Inc., for the purpose of establishing a police reward fund to provide assistance to the crime-fighting efforts of the Miami Beach Police Department.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of May, 2017.

ATTEST:

PHILIP LEVINE, MAYOR

RAFAEL E. GRANADO, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

For A. Cento for 5/8/17
City Attorney Date