

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING AND IMPLEMENTING THE CITY'S "LEAVE NO TRACE" POLICY FOR MONUMENT ISLAND, CITY PARKS AND OTHER CITY-OWNED LANDS AND FACILITIES; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS RESOLUTION; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE POLICY AS NEEDED.

WHEREAS, during the June 26, 2024, City Commission meeting, Resolution No. 2024-33136 (Exhibit B), sponsored by Commission David Suarez, was passed directing the City Administration (1) to develop a "Leave No Trace" policy for the Monument Island, City Parks and other City-owned lands and facilities and (2) to present the policy to the City Commission for approval at its July 24, 2024 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has developed a "Leave No Trace" policy (Exhibit C) as a result of Resolution No. 2024-33136; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach recognizes the importance of preserving the natural beauty and environmental integrity of its islands, lands, and facilities and is committed to promoting responsible and sustainable use of these natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the City owns, operates, manages, and strives to preserve the positive environmental qualities of numerous City parks and recreation facilities, which are essential to the public health, safety, welfare, and economy of the City and the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, "Leave No Trace" is a national educational program to inform visitors about reducing the damage caused by outdoor activities; and

WHEREAS, its principles and practices are based on respecting the natural world and fellow wildland visitors; and

WHEREAS, implementing a "Leave No Trace" policy for Monument Island, City parks and other City-owned lands and facilities is essential to achieve the goals of preservation and responsible stewardship; and

WHEREAS, this policy also includes the City's plastic free initiatives, aimed to minimize the use of single-use plastic in the City, as adopted through Ordinance 2017-4068, Ordinance 2018-4205, Ordinance 2019-4295, and Ordinance 2024-4590; and

WHEREAS, the fiscal impact of printing signage for City parks is estimated at approximately \$20,000 - \$30,000.

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 adopt and implement the City's "Leave No Trace" policy for Monument Island, City Parks and other City-owned lands and facilities; direct the City Manager to take any and all actions necessary to implement this resolution; and further authorize the City Manager to make changes to the policy as needed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2024.

ATTEST:

RAFAEL E. GRANADO, CITY CLERK

STEVEN MEINER, MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney  7/18/2024
Date