

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO WORK WITH THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND DEPARTMENT HEADS IN IDENTIFYING AREAS FOR THE POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION OF FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY MEASURES THAT WOULD ALLOW FOR A MORE SUSTAINABLE FINANCIAL EXPENDITURE TRAJECTORY FOR THE CITY WITHOUT IMPACTING THE CRITICAL SERVICES PROVIDED TO OUR COMMUNITY AND TO PRESENT FINDINGS TO THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE AS PART OF THE DISCUSSION RELATED TO THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL POLICY.**

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava has recently directed each department within the County to produce 10 percent (10%) potential budget reduction scenarios, as part of an effort to address budgetary pressures and promote fiscal responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of these measures, the County has implemented a temporary pause on various personnel actions, effective immediately, which include a pause on filing vacancies (with due exceptions), a pause on all reclassifications and regrades, suspension of annual merit increases for Assistant Directors and above, a pause on special salary adjustments for non-bargaining employees, and a pause on all non-essential travel requests; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami Beach, like Miami-Dade County, is facing its own budgetary challenges, including new union contracts and a new constitutional officer of the County exercising his constitutional funding authority, which may result in a \$7 million annual budget impact; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami Beach's General Fund expenditures have grown at an unsustainable rate, increasing from \$280 million in 2015 to \$456 million in 2025, a 62% growth over a 10-year period, far outpacing the consumer price index, even as the City has experienced a population decline; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's overall operating budget has grown from \$510.9 million in fiscal year 2015 to \$872.4 million in fiscal year 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Miami Beach recognizes that, as a government, our primary ability to generate revenue comes through fees and taxes, much of which is borne by our residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Commission acknowledge that as elected officials, their most important responsibility is to ensure the proper stewardship of taxpayer money while providing critical public services to our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Miami Beach must evaluate its operating expenditures to ensure sustainable growth that does not place undue financial burden on its residents or jeopardize the provision of essential public services.

**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 direct the City Manager to work with the Chief Financial Officer and department heads in identifying areas for the possible implementation of fiscal responsibility measures that would allow for a more sustainable financial expenditure trajectory for the City without impacting the critical services provided to our community and to present findings to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee as part of the discussion related to the City's comprehensive financial policy.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

**ATTEST:**

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Steven Meiner, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

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FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
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City Attorney

3/12/2025  
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