

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY MEASURES BY IMPLEMENTING A 2-WEEK PILOT PROGRAM ASSIGNING AT LEAST ONE (1) MIAMI BEACH POLICE OFFICER TO PATROL EACH OF THE 100 BLOCKS BETWEEN OCEAN DRIVE AND 7<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 12<sup>TH</sup> STREETS IN ORDER TO INCREASE VISIBILITY AND ENHANCE ENFORCEMENT WITH A FOCUS ON NARCOTICS ACTIVITY, LOITERING AND PROWLING, AND EXCESSIVE VEHICLE NOISE.**

**WHEREAS**, Ocean Drive is world-renowned as a vibrant entertainment and arts and cultural district that draws large crowds of residents, locals and tourists, but experiences certain public safety challenges that have raised some concerns about maintaining a welcoming environment for residents, visitors, and businesses alike; and

**WHEREAS**, the safety, security, and overall quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors in the City remains a top priority for the City Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the area between Ocean Drive and 7th through 12th Streets represents a high-traffic corridor with a concentration of pedestrian activity, nightlife, and vehicular congestion, which often gives rise to quality-of-life concerns, including narcotics-related offenses, loitering and prowling, and excessive vehicle noise; and

**WHEREAS**, enhancing police visibility and presence in these areas is a proven strategy for deterring criminal activity, ensuring compliance with City ordinances and State laws, and reassuring residents and visitors as to the safety of the area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration recommends the staffing and deployment of on-duty MBPD officers and specialized unit police officers to patrol the 100 blocks between Ocean Drive and 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Streets, seven (7) days per week, as a two (2) week Pilot Program to be extended as necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, these patrol efforts would be carried out using existing, on-duty police personnel resources so as to not incur any additional budgetary impact; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration believes that assigning at least one (1) MBPD officer to patrol each of the 100 blocks between Ocean Drive and 7th through 12th Streets will provide a strategic opportunity to enhance visibility, increase enforcement, and deter illegal or disruptive conduct.

**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 Administration to enhance public safety measures by implementing a 2-week Pilot Program assigning at least one (1) Miami Beach Police Officer

