

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO CREATE AND IMPLEMENT A MONTH-LONG ACTION PLAN FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2024, ENTITLED "OPERATION SUMMER HEAT," TO INCLUDE A COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM CONSISTING OF CITY STAFF, HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES AND VOLUNTEERS, WHEREIN ALL COMMUNITY PARTNERS CAN COOPERATIVELY AND PROACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN ORDER TO COMPREHENSIVELY AND COMPASSIONATELY ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS BY PROVIDING FOOD, WATER, MEDICAL CARE, SHELTER, SOCIAL SERVICES, AND INFORMATION ON OTHER AVAILABLE RESOURCES, IN A CONCERTED EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT NO PERSON IN THE CITY IS LIVING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2024 IN THE MIDST OF HURRICANE SEASON AND DURING THE MONTH IN WHICH THE CITY TYPICALLY EXPERIENCES SWELTERING HEAT AND ITS HIGHEST AVERAGE TEMPERATURES; AND FURTHER, DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO ALLOCATE THE NECESSARY PERSONNEL, RESOURCES AND SUPPORT IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF "OPERATION SUMMER HEAT," AND TO MONITOR AND REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE OPERATION BY PROVIDING THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION WITH REGULAR UPDATES THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2024, ALONG WITH A FINAL REPORT WHICH, UPON THE CONCLUSION OF OPERATION SUMMER HEAT, SHALL DETAIL ITS OUTCOMES, SUCCESSES, AND AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT.

WHEREAS, the City's beautiful beaches, world-class shopping and dining, and popularity as a resort and tourist destination, entice people from all over the world to come to the City; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the millions of tourists who visit each year, the most recent point-in-time homeless census (conducted by the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust in January 2024) shows that the City is also inhabited by a fluctuating homeless population of approximately 154 people; and

WHEREAS, protecting the health, safety, and general welfare of the City's residents and visitors (including homeless persons) is the most fundamental function performed by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City staffs a Homeless Outreach Services Team, which operates a walk-in-center and manages 86 Shelter Beds and 3 Residential Treatment Level II beds that are funded fully by the City at an annual cost of approximately \$1,134,927.50; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that the City can offer placements appropriate to the circumstances of each homeless person seeking assistance, these beds are located at the following shelters / residential programs: Camillus House, Miami Rescue Mission, Lotus House, The Salvation Army, Riverside House and New Hope; and

WHEREAS, the City also provides additional services to homeless persons including, but not limited to, in-house employment services, application assistance for disability and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP") benefits, identification document (birth

certificate, driver's license, work permit, government ID) replacement assistance, family reunification/relocation services, mental health screening and services, and rental assistance and referral supportive services; and

WHEREAS, addressing homelessness is a challenging and cyclical issue that requires a multitude of approaches to address and curb its impact; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach experiences extremely high temperatures and severe weather conditions, particularly during the month of August, which coincides with the peak of hurricane season; and

WHEREAS, in addition to disease and violence, these conditions pose significant health and safety risks to individuals experiencing homelessness within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Miami Beach recognizes the importance of addressing homelessness comprehensively and compassionately, especially during periods of extreme weather; and

WHEREAS, the City Administration is hereby directed to create and implement a month-long action plan (for August 2024) intended to aid homeless persons, entitled "Operation Summer Heat;" and

WHEREAS, "Operation Summer Heat," which will be planned and coordinated in July – and implemented in August – will be a month-long initiative aimed at providing immediate and sustained assistance to homeless individuals, ensuring their safety and well-being during August 2024 through a coordinated effort involving City staff, health professional, non-profit organizations, business representatives, and volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the primary objective of "Operation Summer Heat" is to ensure that no person in the City is living on public property during the month of August 2024, thereby safeguarding the homeless population from the extreme heat and potential severe weather conditions (typical during August) by creating an all-hands-on-deck approach to addressing homelessness in the City over the month-long period, and emphasizing engagement, support, and enforcement of public space regulations to maintain a welcoming environment for all persons living in, and visiting, the City; and

WHEREAS, "Operation Summer Heat" should include the City establishing a Community Action Team consisting of City officials, City staff (Housing and Community Services personnel, fire rescue personnel, police officers, homeless outreach, code compliance officers, and park rangers), healthcare professionals (doctors, nurses, social workers, mental health experts, and other healthcare providers), non-profit organizations (homeless shelters, food banks, and advocacy groups), business representatives (local business owners and tourism board members), and volunteers (community members willing to assist in various capacities); and

WHEREAS, the City Administration shall endeavor to ensure that all community partners participate collaboratively and proactively in "Operation Summer Heat," by working together to address homelessness comprehensively and compassionately during the month of August 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission is committed to allocating the necessary resources and support to ensure the successful implementation of "Operation Summer Heat."

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 direct the City Administration to create and implement a month-long action plan for the month of August 2024, entitled "Operation Summer Heat," to include a community action team consisting of City staff, healthcare professionals, non-profit organizations, business representatives and volunteers, wherein all community partners can cooperatively and proactively participate in order to comprehensively and compassionately address homelessness by providing food, water, medical care, shelter, social services, and information on other available resources, in a concerted effort to ensure that no person in the City is living on public property during the month of August 2024 in the midst of hurricane season and during the month in which the City typically experiences sweltering heat and its highest average temperatures; and further, directing the City Administration to allocate the necessary personnel, resources and support in order to ensure the effective implementation of "Operation Summer Heat," and to monitor and report on the progress of the Operation by providing the Mayor and City Commission with regular updates throughout the month of August 2024, along with a final report which, upon the conclusion of Operation Summer Heat, shall detail its outcomes, successes, and areas for improvement.

PASSED and **ADOPTED** this ____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Mayor Steven Meiner)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney

6/18/2024

Date

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