

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-03**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE MERRICK FESTIVAL CAROLING COMPETITION TO BECOME AN OFFICIAL CITY EVENT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL AND IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FESTIVAL.

**WHEREAS**, the City is hosts a number of community events and celebrations each year during the holiday season; and

**WHEREAS**, the Merrick Festival Caroling Competition (the "MFCC") is a community event that has become a holiday tradition in the City, which the City currently supports through a sponsorship; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission recognizes the importance of the MFCC and wishes to ensure the continuation and success of the MFCC; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission wishes the MFCC to be recognized as an official City event, to continue the City's financial support of the MFCC, and authorize certain in-kind contributions to the MFCC including permit and inspection fees;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:**

**SECTION 1.** The foregoing "**WHEREAS**" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Manager will instruct City staff to begin the necessary discussions with representatives of the MFCC to transition future MFCCs to become official City events.

**SECTION 3.** That the City Manager is authorized to contribute \$10,000.00 annually and provide in-kind contributions to ensure the continued success of the MFCC instead of the MFCC applying or being considered for the City's cultural grants, and in return receive event recognition, marketing, and branding at all MFCC events.

**SECTION 4.** That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS FOURTEENTH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D., 2025.

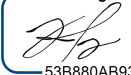
(Moved: Anderson / Seconded: Castro)

(Yeas: Fernandez, Menendez, Anderson, Castro, Lago)

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)

(Agenda Item: F-3)

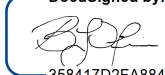
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