

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING ACQUISITION OF TWENTY-TWO (22) SPEECH BUBBLE ARTWORK SIGNS FROM "THE TRUTH IS I WELCOME YOU" BY HANK WILLIS THOMAS AND INSTALLATION ON MIRACLE MILE OF THE ARTWORK "ERNEST AND RUTH" BY HANK WILLIS THOMAS. (UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED BY THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 4 TO 0).

WHEREAS, the Cultural Development Board recommends items of artistic and cultural significance to the City Commission; and

WHEREAS, a proposal was received by the City for the acquisition of the twenty-two speech bubble artwork signs currently installed from "The truth is I welcome you" exhibition by Hank Willis Thomas; and

WHEREAS, the Cultural Development Board unanimously (4-0) passed a motion to recommend to the Coral Gables City Commission acquisition of the artworks; and

WHEREAS, the Cultural Development Board included in their motion a recommendation to permanently install the artwork *Ernest and Ruth* by Hank Willis Thomas on Miracle Mile; and

WHEREAS, funding for the acquisition and installation is being proposed through art acquisition funds previously set aside for public art on Miracle Mile with the cost of annual maintenance proposed through use of the general fund as ordinary maintenance; and

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

SECTION 1. That the foregoing "Whereas" clauses are here hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon the adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. The City Commission does hereby authorize the acquisition of twenty-two speech bubble artwork signs by Hank Willis Thomas; authorizes installation of *Ernest and Ruth* within the Miracle Mile Streetscape; allowing for \$200,000 plus installation costs from the Art Acquisition Fund currently dedicated to public art on Miracle Mile; and allowing annual maintenance from the general fund.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF JANUARY 22, A.D., 2019.

ATTEST:

RAÚL VALDÉS-FAULI
MAYOR

BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS
CITY ATTORNEY