

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-152**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE'S EFFORTS TO AMEND SECTION 403.7033, FLORIDA STATUTES, TO PROVIDE FOR LOCAL REGULATION OF PLASTIC BAGS OR, ALTERNATIVELY, FOR THE REPEAL OF SAID STATUTORY SECTION SO THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ARE NO LONGER PREEMPTED FROM ENACTING LEGISLATION REGULATING PLASTIC BAGS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables is diligent in its efforts to preserve the beautiful environment that supports the tourism industry which is so vital to the economy of the City of Coral Gables, Miami-Dade County, and the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, plastic bags are detrimental because they do not fully degrade in our oceans or land environment and they introduce unsafe chemicals into our environment; and

**WHEREAS**, plastic bags create the potential for death of land and marine animals through entanglement and ingestion; and

**WHEREAS**, the expansive usage of single-use shopping bags and their typical disposal rates creates an impediment to the City's waste reduction and recycling goals while creating unsightly litter; and

**WHEREAS**, single-use plastic bags are difficult to recycle and frequently contaminate material that is processed through the City's recycling programs; and

**WHEREAS**, replacing single use bags with reusable bags is considered a quick and easy way to reduce waste and litter, protect wildlife and conserve resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission acknowledges that some businesses have taken affirmative steps to accomplish this goal and recognizes their proactive efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best public interest for the Florida Legislature to provide for the local regulation of single-use shopping bags;

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

**SECTION 1.** That the City Commission does hereby declare its support of an amendment to Section 403.7033, *Florida Statutes*, which amendment would provide for local regulation of plastic bags under the State's proposed guidelines.

**SECTION 2.** Alternatively, the City Commission requests that the Florida Legislature repeal Section 403.7033, *Florida Statutes*, so that local governments may enacting and enforce legislation regarding the use and disposal of plastic bags.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage and adoption hereof.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS FOURTEENTH DAY OF JUNE, A.D., 2016.

(Moved: Lago / Seconded: Slesnick)

(Yeas: Lago, Quesada, Slesnick, Keon, Cason)

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)

(Agenda Item: F-1)

APPROVED:



JIM CASON  
MAYOR

ATTEST:



WALTER J. FOEMAN  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



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CITY ATTORNEY