

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-204**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO EXPLORE OPTIONS AND THE BUDGET FOR THE COSTS TO REPLACE THE JULY 4TH FIREWORKS SHOW WITH EITHER A LASER LIGHT SHOW OR A DRONE LIGHT SHOW.

**WHEREAS**, cities around the country are converting from the use of traditional fireworks to laser light shows or drone light shows to reduce harmful noise, air pollution and harmful pollutants; and

**WHEREAS**, air pollution increases by over 40% on July 4th; and

**WHEREAS**, the same ingredients that lend the displays their vivid colors contain metallic particles, including lead and copper, are harmful to breathe and can linger in the air and environment; and

**WHEREAS**, fireworks can be harmful to individuals suffering from PTSD, pets, and wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a risk of starting actual fires with annual fireworks shows; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Fire Protection Association, an estimated 12,264 fires were started by fireworks displays in 2021 causing an estimated \$59 million in direct property damage; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission believes a safer and more inclusive option should be explored for all residents to safely enjoy July 4th activities;

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

**SECTION 1.** That 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 Commission directs City Staff to explore options and costs to replace the July 4th fireworks show with either a laser light show or a drone light show and provide an update to the City Commission with those findings.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS THIRTEENTH DAY OF JULY, A.D., 2023.

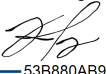
(Moved: Anderson / Seconded: Menendez)

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

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)

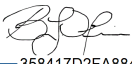
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