CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

A RESOLUTION OF THE WATERWAY ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDING THE CITY COMMISSION OBJECT TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S (MDC) DESIGN FOR A VIEWING AREA AT THE US-1 BRIDGE AS PART OF THE UNDERLINE PROJECT; AND REQUESTING A 30-DAY EXTENSION TO THE U.S. COAST GUARD TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME TO REVIEW MDC'S PRESENTATION AND OTHER PROJECT RELATED INFORMATION.

WHEREAS, at the January 14, 2025 City Commission meeting, the Waterway Advisory Board (Board) recommended objecting to the water viewing area at the US-1 bridge and requested an extension to submit comments to the U.S. Coast Guard; and

WHEREAS, at this meeting, Miami-Dade County staff agreed to meet with the Board in February; and

WHEREAS, at the February 5, 2025 Waterway Advisory Board meeting, the Board motioned objecting to the County's design for a viewing area, citing concerns regarding safety; and

WHEREAS, the Board emphasized that the design should align with the City's "No Fishing from Bridges" requirement, that this area will inevitably encourage fishermen, and it is not critical to the plan and goal of providing safe passage above the waterway or below the bridge; and

WHEREAS, the Board requested a 30-day extension for comments requested by the U.S. Coast Guard's Public Notice to allow proper review of project's presentation and related information.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 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. The Waterway Advisory Board recommends for the City Commission to object Miami-Dade County's design for a viewing area at the US-1 bridge as part of Underline project; and request a 30-day extension to the U.S. Coast Guard to allow proper review of project's presentation and related information.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS FIFTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A.D., 2025.