

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-228

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES URGING THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ADDRESS INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE REDIRECTION OF WATER NEAR LAKE OKEECHOBEE SO AS TO MINIMIZE POTENTIALLY HARMFUL ALGAE BLOOMS.

WHEREAS, according to the Miami Herald and other news sources, there has been an unusually large algae bloom on Lake Okeechobee this summer, a bloom which has covered approximately ninety percent of the lake; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), harmful algae blooms can produce toxins that cause illness in humans, animals, livestock, and wildlife, exposure can occur through direct contact, spray, drinking water, or eating contaminated fish and human symptoms can include respiratory, neurological or gastrointestinal problems; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables urges the State of Florida and the Florida Legislature to support bipartisan efforts to address infrastructure issues and the release of water in and around Lake Okeechobee to minimize the proliferation of potentially harmful algae blooms;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY 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 made a specific part of the Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables urges the State of Florida and the Florida Legislature to support bipartisan efforts to address infrastructure issues and the release of water in and around Lake Okeechobee to minimize the proliferation of potentially harmful algae blooms.

SECTION 3. That the City Commission directs the City Clerk to send copies of this resolution to the Governor of Florida, the City’s legislative delegation, to the governing bodies of all Counties currently affected by algae blooms, the Florida League of Cities, and all municipalities in Miami-Dade County.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF AUGUST, A.D., 2018.
(Moved: Quesada / Seconded: Lago)
(Unanimous Voice Vote)
(Agenda Item: H-1)

APPROVED:

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RAÚL VALDÉS FAULI
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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WALTER J. FOEMAN
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS
CITY ATTORNEY