CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-268

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA URGING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO AMEND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 31, ARTICLE VII, "REGULATION OF TRANSPORTATION NETWORK ENTITIES, FOR-HIRE DRIVERS AND VEHICLES" TO ALLOW RIDE-SHARING NETWORKS TO OPERATE IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables' City Commission has witnessed the surge in popularity of ride-sharing networks, also referred to as "Transportation Network Entities," such as Uber and Lyft, and wishes to promote their use within the City of Coral Gables; and

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2015, the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners approved an ordinance, which imposed various licensing and permitting requirements on Transportation Network Entities and For-Hire Drivers; and

WHEREAS, based on those licensing and permitting requirements, ride-sharing networks such as Uber and Lyft, among others, are unable to offer their ride-sharing services in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2015, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners approved an ordinance, which amended Chapter 22½ of the Broward County Code of Ordinances, allowing for-hire ground transportation providers, also referred to as Transportation Network Entities, the ability to self-regulate; and

WHEREAS, the Broward Board of County Commissioners, through the above stated ordinance, found that the implementation of the ordinance promotes, protects, and improves the health, safety, and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables City Commission recognizes the positive impacts that ride-sharing networks such as Uber and Lyft, among others, can provide the community, including the health and safety of its users; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables City Commission strongly supports passage of legislation that would allow for ride-sharing networks such as Uber and Lyft, among others, to operate in Miami-Dade County and, as a result, the City of Coral Gables;

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 hereby urges the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners to enact legislation that would allow for ride-sharing networks such as Uber and Lyft, among others, to operate in Miami-Dade County and, as a result, the City of Coral Gables.

SECTION 3. That the City Commission hereby urges the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners to ensure that appropriate background checks are conducted for the drivers of said ride-sharing networks to promote and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Miami-Dade County.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D., 2015.

(Moved: Quesada / Seconded: Lago)

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

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote) (Agenda Item: F-2)

APPROVED:

JIM GASON MAYOR

ATTEST:

VALTER J. FOEMAN

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

CRAIG E. LEEN CITY ATTORNEY