

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION APPROVING ARTISTS TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS FOR A COMMEMORATIVE PUBLIC ARTWORK ALIGNED WITH THE CITY'S CENTENNIAL HONORING BAHAMIAN AND BLACK RESIDENTS; AND AUTHORIZE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 OPERATING BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES RESERVE AND TO APPROPRIATE SUCH FUNDS TO PUT TOWARDS THE COST OF THE PROPOSAL PROCESS AND ARTWORK.

**WHEREAS**, as the city nears its 100-year anniversary in 2025, the city seeks to commemorate the influence, contribution, and dedication to the city of Bahamian and Black residents through a work of public art; and

**WHEREAS**, Coral Gables has one of the few national and regional historically designated Black neighborhoods in the State of Florida, the MacFarlane Homestead Historic District. This traditionally known Bahamian neighborhood extends into Miami and includes the nearby Golden Gate neighborhood in Coral Gables; and

**WHEREAS**, it is well known that early settlers in the community contributed greatly to the physical construction of the city; in addition, among other accomplishments, there is a strong history of educators who continue to influence generations of residents here and throughout Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, this project seeks to address the historical context that resonates throughout time in this community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arts Advisory Panel discussed the project and is recommending regional artists in addition to artists with prominent museum and gallery representation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cultural Development Board met and were advised of the recommendation with no further input; and

**WHEREAS**, artists proposals will be made available for public review prior to coming before the Arts Advisory Panel and Cultural Development Board for a recommendation to the City Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Staff recommends up to \$30,000 (thirty thousand dollars) toward the proposal process and \$500,000 (five hundred thousand dollars) for the artwork design, fabrication, and installation.

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

**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 the adoption hereof.

**SECTION 2.** The City Commission does hereby authorize artists to develop and submit public art proposals for Commemorative artwork aligned with the Centennial; allowing for \$30,000 from the Art Fund to cover the proposal process and \$500,000 allocated for the artwork design, fabrication, and installation, which will come back to the City Commission with a recommendation for approval.

**SECTION 3.** The City Commission does hereby authorize an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Operating Budget to recognize the transfer of funds from the Art in Public Places Reserve and to appropriate such funds to put towards the cost of the project.

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

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

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VINCE LAGO  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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BILLY Y. URQUIA  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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