CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-42

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION IN RE: FORFEITURE OF \$27,000.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY; 6 X SMALL BAGGIES OF SUSPECTED COCAINE; 1 X IPHONE 12; 1 X AT&T ALCATEL PHONE; 1 X SMALL L'OREAL BAG; RUBBER BANDS; 1 X DOVE SOAP BOX.

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2021, in furtherance of a money laundering and/or illegal drug investigation, Detective Edwin Pagan of the Vice, Intelligence and Narcotics Unit of the Special Investigative Section of CGPD along with other CGPD officers and the Drug Enforcement Agency responded to the vicinity of 1315 of Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Coral Gables, Florida and conducted a criminal investigation; and

WHEREAS, the criminal investigation resulted in the seizure of \$27,000.00 in U.S. Currency, 6 x small baggies of suspected cocaine, 1 x iPhone 12, 1 x AT&T Alcatel Phone; 1 x small L'OREAL bag; rubber bands, and 1 x Dove soap box (the "Seized Property"); and

WHEREAS, in order for the Seized Property to be forfeited to the City of Coral Gables, under the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act, the City must file a civil complaint; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that it is in the interest of the City of Coral Gables to proceed with the filing of a complaint under the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act;

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. That the City Commission authorizes and directs the City Attorney to proceed with the filing of a complaint, under the Florida Contraband Forfeiture Act, in order to have the Seized Property forfeited to the City of Coral Gables.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS NINTH DAY OF MARCH, A.D., 2021.

(Moved: Keon / Seconded: Lago)

(Yeas: Keon, Lago, Mena, Fors, Jr., Valdes-Fauli)

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote) (Agenda Item: J-1)

APPROVED:

RAUL VALUES-FAUL MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. VRQUIA

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS

CITY ATTORNEY