

## **CITY OF CORAL GABLES**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2014-**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CORAL GABLES CITY COMMISSION RECOGNIZING THAT A SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ELECTORATE VOTED TO SUPPORT THE INITIATIVES PRESENTED BY PETS' TRUST; THE CORAL GABLES CITY COMMISSION URGES THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH IN THIS BUDGET SESSION FUNDING MECHANISMS FOR THE PETS' TRUST INITIATIVE; THE CORAL GABLES COMMISSION WILL ENCOURAGE OTHER MIAMI-DADE COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES TO JOIN THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES IN SUPPORT OF THE PETS' TRUST INITIATIVE.**

**WHEREAS**, the situation that homeless and displaced animals face nationwide is startling; locally, it is devastating; tens of thousands of dogs and cats each year enter Miami-Dade County Animal Services, thousands of these animals are killed annually; more than 400,000 stray cats live on the streets of South Florida with females having up to 12 kittens a year; and

**WHEREAS**, this issue touches not only compassion and ethics but also economics, the cost to taxpayers for killing animals is approximately \$300.00 per animal, and in comparison, the cost of a spay/neuter strategy is approximately \$65.00 per animal; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to these overwhelming numbers, on November 6th 2012, almost 500,000 citizens of Miami-Dade County voted to address this high mortality rate by supporting initiatives presented by Pets' Trust, which are designed to create programs to stop the killing of animals in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, Pets' Trust initiatives seek to improve animal welfare, increase adoptions, and decrease overpopulation by providing free and low-cost income qualified spay/neuter operations; income qualified low-cost veterinary care; educational programs; improved shelter care; assistance to rescue groups; increased support for the local Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA); and additional animal fostering programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Coral Gables recognizes that a substantial majority of citizens supported the Pets' Trust mission; and the City of Coral Gables urges the County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners to implement the will of the people by funding the Pets' Trust initiative for improved animal services;

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

**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 City of Coral Gables hereby recognizes that a majority of Miami-Dade County voters supported Pets' Trust initiatives and urges the Mayor and the County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County Florida to implement the will of the people in the current budget session by establishing the funding mechanisms for the Pets' Trust initiatives which were approved by more than a super majority of the voters.

**SECTION 3.** The City of Coral Gables further encourages other Miami-Dade County municipalities to join the City of Coral Gables in supporting the Pets' Trust mission and deliver this urgent message to the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Commissioners.

**SECTION 4.** The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit this Resolution to the Mayor and County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, Florida and all elected municipal officials in Miami-Dade County.

**SECTION 5.** This resolution shall become effective immediately upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TENTH DAY OF JUNE, A.D., 2014.

(Moved:        /Seconded        )  
(Yeas:         /Nays                )  
(Vote:                                )  
(Agenda Item: )

APPROVED:

JAMES CASON  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
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WALTER J. FOEMAN  
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