

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FAIRCHILD TROPICAL BOTANIC GARDEN, INC. TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MILLION ORCHID PROJECT, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 ANNUAL BUDGET FUNDS TO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT.

**WHEREAS**, over time, South Florida has lost the blanket of native orchids that once populated the hardwood hammock area; and

**WHEREAS**, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, following a successful model set by the Singapore Botanic Garden, is propagating and restoring a million native orchids plants to the South Florida urban landscape, but the Fairchild project is unique in its scale, focus on public landscape and involvement of the local community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Coral Gables has the opportunity to partner with this important endeavor by providing \$30,000 a year for five years plus use of a bucket truck and driver to Fairchild in exchange for the installation of 50,000 orchids a year in City trees for a total of 250,000 orchids; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parknership, through the Coral Gables Foundation, has agreed to provide \$5,000 a year for the five years towards the City's contribution for this project; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission desires to support this event;

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 the adoption hereof.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Commission does hereby authorize the City Manager to execute the Professional Services Agreement with such modifications to the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A" as may be approved by the City Manager and City Attorney that are necessary to implement the intent of this resolution.

**SECTION 3.** That the City Commission does authorize in the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Annual Budget \$30,000 to fund the Million Orchid Project.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS ELEVENTH DAY OF MARCH, A.D., 2014.

(Moved: / Seconded: )

(Yeas: / Nays: )

(Vote: )

(Agenda Item: )

APPROVED:

JAMES C. CASON  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

WALTER J. FOEMAN  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

CRAIG E. LEEN  
CITY ATTORNEY