CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION 2023-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE SUSPENSION OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ON THE 100 BLOCK OF GIRALDA AVENUE FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO-YEAR PERIOD

WHEREAS, following the substantial completion of the streetscape project on Giralda Avenue the City Commission has authorized the suspension of vehicular traffic on the 100 block of Giralda Avenue in Resolutions 2017-65, 2019-263, and again in Resolution 2021-209; and

WHEREAS, the suspension of traffic on the 100 block of Giralda Avenue, also known as Giralda Plaza, has been a great success, particularly as the City emerged from Covid-19, and the City and local merchants have increased the number of event and outdoor seating in the area; and

WHEREAS, the City has received continued support for the suspension of the vehicles from the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce and local merchants; and

WHEREAS, the continued suspension of vehicular traffic on Giralda Avenue will not limit the ability of police or fire rescue to access the area, and still allows for special event traffic; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 the City noted a pedestrian count of 2,139,929; and

WHEREAS, the City wants to suspend vehicular traffic on the 100 block of Giralda Avenue for an additional two-year period in order to continue to evaluate the effect of the suspension on the City, property owners, local merchants, and special events in the City;

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 directs the City Manager to authorize that vehicular traffic on the 100 block of Giralda Avenue, between Ponce de Leon Boulevard and Galiano Street be suspended for an additional two-year period to begin with the passage of this Resolution.

SECTION 3. That the City will reevaluate the suspension of vehicular traffic on Giralda Avenue prior to the expiration of this two-year period.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D., 2023. (Moved: ____/ Seconded: ____) (Yeas:) (Unanimous:) (Non-Agenda Item)

APPROVED:

VINCE LAGO MAYOR

ATTEST:

BILLY Y. URQUIA CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

CRISTINA M. SUÁREZ CITY ATTORNEY

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