

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-246

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO NOTIFY THE COMMISSION OF ANY LAWSUIT THAT MAY BE FILED AGAINST A MUNICIPALITY THAT HAS CHANGED THE DATE OF ITS MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS VIA ORDINANCE SO THAT THE CITY COMMISSION MAY CONSIDER WHETHER TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH LAWSUIT BY FILING AN AMICUS CURIAE BRIEF OR INTERVENING IN AN ACTION ALREADY PENDING.

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2025, the City, the City Commission adopted Ordinance No. 2025-08 which moved the date of the City's municipal elections from April of odd-numbered years to November of even-numbered years; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the City's adoption of the Ordinance, the City of Miami received an opinion from the Florida Attorney General opining that if the City of Miami were to amend its charter to move the date of municipal elections or change the terms of office for elected officials, then the change may only proceed by a vote of the electors; and

WHEREAS, as a result, it is possible there may be lawsuits filed against cities that change the dates of their municipal elections via ordinance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-252(e)(4) of the City Code, the City Attorney is authorized to file amicus curiae briefs or intervene in actions already pending on behalf of the city where the city attorney determines that the city has an interest in such proceedings and where such action is warranted to protect the city's interests; and

WHEREAS, if there is a lawsuit in the state against a municipality that has changed the date of its election via ordinance, the City Commission would like to be made aware of such lawsuit to consider supporting, via the filing of an amicus curiae brief or intervening in such action, any such city that may move forward, but only with the approval of the City Commission;

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 directs the City Attorney to notify the Commission of any lawsuit that may be filed against a municipality that has changed the date of its municipal elections via ordinance so that the City Commission may consider whether to participate in such lawsuit by filing an amicus curiae brief or intervening in an already pending action, but only with the approval of the City Commission.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS FIRST DAY OF JULY, A.D., 2025.

(Moved: Anderson / Seconded: Lara)

(Yeas: Lara, Anderson, Lago)

(Nays: Castro)

(Absent: Fernandez)

(Majority: (3-1) Vote)

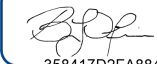
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