CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-239

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION IN RE: FORFEITURE OF \$65,000.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY; 1 LOUIS VUITTON BLACK SHOULDER BAG, BANK STRAPS, HALLS COUGH DROPS, A KEY, AND 200 COLOMBIAN PESOS.

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2021, the Coral Gables Police Department Special Investigations Section conducted a joint operation with the Drug Enforcement Agency ("DEA") relating to the sale of Bitcoin; and

WHEREAS, during the joint operation, it came to light that the Bitcoin was intended to be used for the purchase of cocaine and resulted in the seizure of 65,000.00 in U.S. Currency, 1 Louis Vuitton black shoulder bag, bank straps, Halls cough drops, a key, and 200 Columbian pesos (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 TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF AUGUST, A.D., 2021.

(Moved: Fors, Jr., / Seconded: Anderson) (Yeas: Anderson, Fors, Jr., Mena, Menendez, Lago) (Unanimous: 5-0 Vote) (Agenda Item: J-1)

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MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS CITY ATTORNEY