

## CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

## RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PUBLIC ART EXHIBITION BY HANK WILLIS THOMAS, AND FOR ITS APPLICATION TO ART BASEL AND MIAMI ART WEEK, EXTENDING THROUGH WINTER, 2019. (UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDED BY THE CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVAL/DENIAL VOTE: 7 TO 0).

**WHEREAS**, the Cultural Development Board has historically recommended City participation in Miami's Art Week and, more specifically, an affiliation with Art Basel; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, an Art Basel event application was submitted by the City and approved for the first time; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, Mayor Valdes-Fauli generously sought out Master artist Carlos Cruz-Diez for a public exhibition of the artist's work, which was submitted by the City to Art Basel and approved; and

**WHEREAS**, building on the established relationship with Art Basel, the City responded to their recommendation and worked collaboratively with the Lowe Art Museum to review artists for a public exhibition in 2018 to coincide with Art Basel and asked artist Hank Willis Thomas to submit a proposal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arts Advisory Panel and Cultural Development Board were presented with a proposal for the artist's temporary public artwork *the truth is i am you* and strongly supported it; and

**WHEREAS** the cost of the proposed exhibition is \$193,162 and related support, marketing, and events are estimated at \$20,000; and

**WHEREAS** funding for the temporary exhibition is being proposed through use of the art acquisition fund for exhibition, marketing, and related events; and

**WHEREAS** the Arts Advisory Panel unanimously (6-0) passed a motion to recommend to the Coral Gables City Commission the temporary public exhibition of *the truth is i am you*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cultural Development Board unanimously (7-0) passed a motion to recommend to the Coral Gables City Commission the temporary public exhibition of *the truth is i am you*;

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

**SECTION 1.** That the foregoing “Whereas” clauses are here 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.** The City Commission does hereby authorize the temporary public art exhibition of *the truth is i am you*; allowing for use of funds up to \$213,162 from the Art Acquisition Fund and submission of the exhibition to Art Basel as an official event.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF MAY, A.D., 2018.

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RAÚL VALDÉS-FAULI  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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WALTER J. FOEMAN  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS  
CITY ATTORNEY