

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION 2023-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA. DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO REVIEW AND ANALYZE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S EXTREME HEAT ACTION PLAN AND TO FORMULATE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES TO COMBAT EXTREME HEAT IN COMMUNITY SPACES SUCH AS PARKS, SHOPPING AREAS, AND OUTDOOR EVENTS.

WHEREAS, it is well established that the South Florida region enjoys a tropical climate and becomes increasingly hot during the summer months, regularly reaching 90 degrees Fahrenheit and higher; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County defines extreme heat as a period of high heat and humidity with temperatures above 90 degrees for at least two to three days; and

WHEREAS, a recent report released by nonprofit research group Climate Central, found that the Miami metropolitan area has the third-worst urban heat island effect out of the 44 biggest U.S. cities, only behind New York and San Francisco.

WHEREAS, prolonged exposure to extreme heat can lead to heat related illness or even death; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County recently released an Extreme Heat Action Plan to address the health and economic burdens of extreme heat while also advancing co-benefits, such as promoting local jobs or reducing greenhouse gas emissions, in line with the County's other Resilience plans; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to direct the City Manager to review and analyze Miami-Dade County's Extreme Heat Action Plan and formulate and to formulate recommendations for the City of Coral Gables to combat extreme heat in community spaces such as parks, shopping areas, and outdoor events.

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 review

and analyze Miami-Dade County's Extreme Heat Action Plan and to formulate recommendations for the City of Coral Gables to combat extreme heat in community spaces such as parks, shopping areas, and outdoor events.

SECTION 3. That such recommendations should prioritize the safety and well-being of residents during times of extreme heat and shall be presented to the City Commission at the September 26th Commission Meeting.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS ___ DAY OF AUGUST, A.D., 2023.

(Moved: ____/ Seconded: ____)

(Yeas:)

(Unanimous:)

(Non-Agenda Item)

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