

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION 2020-29**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
ADOPTING A CHALLENGE FOR CITY RESIDENTS AS  
PART OF THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SUPER  
CORAL PLAY CAMPAIGN.

**WHEREAS**, The Super Coral Play campaign was initiated by the MSC Foundation to raise awareness about the need to take action in protecting and preserving coral reefs, and the Super Coral Play is a partnership between MSC Cruises, the Miami Super Bowl Host Committee, and 54 NFL star players and influencers; and

**WHEREAS**, Coral reefs are among the most diverse ecosystems in the world and home to more than 25 percent of marine species. Coral serve as a food resource for half a billion people and protect coastal communities from storms and erosion. According to NOAA, some 84% of U.S. coral reefs are located within Florida alone where coral ecosystem-related spending has been estimated to generate over \$6 billion in economic impact in the five South Florida counties via annual sales, income, and employment, supporting over 71,000 full- and part-time jobs. According to the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, scientists predict that 70-90% of coral reefs are in danger of dying out within the next two decades (2030-2050); and

**WHEREAS**, excessive and improper application of fertilizers can contribute to adverse effects on surface and ground water and may impact aquatic plants and wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission adopted a resolution prohibiting the use of fertilizers containing nitrogen or phosphorous by City crews or contractors in City owned and operated properties during the rainiest summer months, from June 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup> each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission challenges the City of Miami to adopt a similar resolution and encourages all residents to join the movement and make a Super Coral Play of their own that will positively impact the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission directs the City Manager to participate in the Super Coral Play campaign at his discretion, including temporarily referring to the City as Super Coral Gables, and lighting City Hall in coral colors in coordination with other municipalities around South Florida;

**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 of Coral Gables, as part of the Super Coral Play campaign, challenges the City of Miami to adopt a resolution limiting the use of certain fertilizers by City of Miami staff or contractors from June 1 through September 30<sup>th</sup> each year.

**SECTION 3.** That the City of Coral Gables Commission also challenges its residents to voluntarily commit to restrict the use of fertilizers from June 1 through September 30<sup>th</sup> each year as part of the City’s Super Coral Play.

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


PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D., 2020.

(Moved: Lago / Seconded: Mena)  
(Yeas: Keon, Lago, Mena, Fors, Jr., Valdes-Fauli)  
(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)  
(Non-Agenda Item: G-8)


APPROVED

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