

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN-MANAGE PROGRAMS FOR FERAL CAT POPULATION MANAGEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CORPORATE GRANT REQUESTS TO FINANCE TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN-MANAGE PROJECTS.

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds it would be beneficial for the Coral Gables community and its residents to support Trap-Neuter-Return-Manage policy to provide the residents with a proactive solution to Miami-Dade County's overwhelming feral cat population; and

WHEREAS, South Florida's warm and humid climate combined with a feral cats' ability to survive weeks without food and reproduce regardless of food availability has created a population crisis throughout South Florida; and

WHEREAS, feeding bans and other similar population control methods have proved ineffective due to the feral cats' territorial behavior and ability to quickly reproduce; and

WHEREAS, spayed and neutered cats do not reproduce; Trap-Neuter-Return-Manage policies have proven to be an effective method to reduce feral cat colony numbers and would stabilize Coral Gables' feral cat colonies by eliminating new litters; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables supports Miami-Dade County's commitment to become a no-kill community, working towards a unified goal to humanely reduce the number of feral cats in South Florida through Trap-Neuter-Return-Manage programs; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Animal Services' has adopted the Trap-Neuter-Give-Back Program available for free to all Miami-Dade County residents to combat the feral cat population crisis throughout South Florida, provided the residents trap and bring the cats to the County facility for neutering or spaying; and

WHEREAS, obtaining support of a Trap-Neuter-Return-Manage grant from Petsmart or other similar grants will provide residents a solution at no cost for trapping and transporting these animals, which is not provided by Miami-Dade County and will allow the City to fund an organization like the Cat Network, a non-profit organization that works with the County to educate the public about the need to sterilize pets and strays; and the grant funds will be used to implement the Trap-Neuter-Return-Manage program with the use of the Cat Network Mobile Clinic; and

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 supports the efforts of the County's Trap-Neuter-Return-Manage program, which fosters mutual cooperation between community members and aligns residents with a unified goal to reduce the feral cat population throughout South Florida.

SECTION 3. The City commission hereby authorizes the City Manager to apply for funding through Petsmart or other similar grant sources to obtain funds, to hire a non-profit organization providing TNR services in Coral Gables.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TENTH DAY OF JUNE, A.D., 2014.

(Moved: /Seconded)

(Yeas: /Nays)

(Vote:)

(Agenda Item:)

APPROVED:

JAMES CASON
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

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