

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION 2023-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO EXPLORE OPTIONS AND THE BUDGET FOR THE COSTS TO REPLACE THE JULY 4TH FIREWORKS SHOW WITH EITHER A LASER LIGHT SHOW OR A DRONE LIGHT SHOW

WHEREAS, cities around the country are converting from the use of traditional fireworks to laser light shows or drone light shows to reduce harmful noise, air pollution and harmful pollutants; and

WHEREAS, air pollution increases by over 40% on July 4th; and

WHEREAS, the same ingredients that lend the displays their vivid colors contain metallic particles, including lead and copper, are harmful to breathe and can linger in the air and environment; and

WHEREAS, fireworks can be harmful to individuals suffering from PTSD, pets, and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, there is a risk of starting actual fires with annual fireworks shows; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Fire Protection Association, an estimated 12,264 fires were started by fireworks displays in 2021 causing an estimated \$59 million in direct property damage; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission believes a safer and more inclusive option should be explored for all residents to safely enjoy July 4th activities.

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 directs City Staff to explore options and costs to replace the July 4th fireworks show with either a laser light show or a drone light show and provide an update to the City Commission with those findings.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS THIRTEENTH DAY OF JULY, A.D., 2023.

(Moved: _____/ Seconded: _____)

(Yeas:)

(Unanimous:)

(Non-Agenda Item)

APPROVED:

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CITY CLERK

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