

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION TO COMMIT FY2009/10 CULTURAL ARTS  
GRANT FUNDING, AT A MINIMUM, TO THE FY2008/09  
CULTURAL ARTS GRANT FUNDING AMOUNT OF \$166,250.

WHEREAS the City of Coral Gables was founded by George Merrick with a vision of integrating art, architecture, landscape, and social interaction to become one of America's most beautiful and famous communities; and

WHEREAS the unique interweaving of beauty, business, and community life has been central to the ongoing success and national recognition of the City of Coral Gables as a City Beautiful; and

WHEREAS the Cultural Development Board was established in May 1995 under Resolution No. 30082, with the purpose of promoting cultural events and reviewing and making recommendations to the City Commission on matters pertaining to requests for cultural arts funding; and

WHEREAS the Cultural Development Board is aware of current economic conditions causing harm not only to traditional businesses, but also to culture groups large and small, devastating them to the point of possible extinction; and

WHEREAS the Cultural Development Board is deeply concerned by consistent cuts in financial support of the arts within local, state, national, and private giving sectors; and

WHEREAS the Cultural Development Board recognizes that continued cuts in funding to cultural arts organizations will adversely affect the quality of life for the City of Coral Gables and its residents; and

WHEREAS the Cultural Development Board met on February 2, 2009 and unanimously agreed to encourage the City Commission to continue to support culture in our community through valuable funding support at least at the current levels;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission of the City of Coral Gables hereby accept the recommendation of the Cultural Development Board and approve committing FY2009/10 Cultural Grant funds at a minimum of \$166,250.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 10 day of MARCH, 2009.

APPROVED:

DONALD D. SLESNICK, II  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

WALTER J. FOEMAN  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ELIZABETH M. HERNANDEZ  
CITY ATTORNEY