

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-101

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, URGING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO REEXAMINE EXISTING PROTECTIONS FOR PEAFAWL (PEACOCKS), A NON-NATIVE AND INVASIVE SPECIES; SUPPORTING COUNTYWIDE PEAFAWL MITIGATION AND POPULATION MANAGEMENT EFFORTS; AND REQUESTING REGIONAL COORDINATION AMONG SOUTH MIAMI-DADE MUNICIPALITIES INCLUDING THE CITY OF PINECREST, CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI, AND CITY OF MIAMI; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, peafowl, commonly referred to as peacocks and peahens, are a non-native and invasive species that have established populations throughout Miami-Dade County, including within the City of Coral Gables and neighboring municipalities; and

WHEREAS, over time, peafowl populations in South Florida have grown significantly due to favorable climate conditions, lack of natural predators, and historical protections that limited population control efforts; and

WHEREAS, female peafowl can lay between approximately 13 to 30 eggs per mating season, contributing to rapid population expansion and increasing density in residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, widespread community concerns have been documented across Miami-Dade County, including in Coral Gables, Pinecrest, Coconut Grove, and South Miami, relating to peafowl causing property damage, excessive noise, aggressive behavior, and public nuisance conditions; and

WHEREAS, peafowl have been reported to damage vehicles and roofs, create sanitation issues through droppings, and exhibit aggressive territorial behavior, particularly during mating season; and

WHEREAS, peafowl are currently regulated under Section 5-16 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, which generally prohibits the taking, capturing, or killing of peafowl, including their nests and eggs, absent limited exceptions; and

WHEREAS, historically, these protections have limited the ability of municipalities and residents to effectively manage peafowl populations, contributing to overpopulation in certain areas; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has taken steps to address this issue by allowing municipalities to opt out of peafowl protections through the adoption of a County-approved peafowl mitigation plan, thereby enabling humane population control strategies; and

WHEREAS, certain municipalities, including the City of West Miami and the Village of Pinecrest, have begun implementing or exploring mitigation strategies such as relocation, trapping, and population control measures, including sterilization programs; and

WHEREAS, despite these localized efforts, the absence of a coordinated, countywide strategy has limited the effectiveness of mitigation efforts, as peafowl populations frequently move across municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, peafowl, as an invasive species, may compete with native wildlife, disrupt ecosystems, and pose broader environmental concerns within South Florida; and

WHEREAS, a regional and coordinated approach among municipalities such as the City of Coral Gables, City of Pinecrest, City of South Miami, and City of Miami is necessary to effectively manage and reduce peafowl populations while ensuring humane and legally compliant practices; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission further finds that peafowl overpopulation and mitigation present a matter of statewide concern that may require legislative and intergovernmental advocacy, and desires to include this issue as part of the City's legislative agenda in order to support appropriate amendments, funding opportunities, and coordinated population management efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the residents of Coral Gables and Miami-Dade County to promote balanced, humane, and effective population management strategies that protect quality of life, property, and environmental integrity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA:

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 herein.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables hereby urges the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners to reexamine existing protections and regulatory frameworks governing peafowl, including Section 5-16 of the Miami-Dade County Code, to ensure such regulations effectively address current population levels and community impacts.

SECTION 3. That the City Commission supports the development and implementation of a comprehensive, countywide peafowl mitigation strategy, including but not limited to humane removal, relocation, sterilization, and population control measures.

SECTION 4. That the City Commission hereby requests coordinated collaboration among neighboring municipalities, including the City of Pinecrest, City of South Miami, and City of Miami, to develop a regional approach to peafowl management, recognizing that peafowl populations cross jurisdictional boundaries.

SECTION 5. That the City Commission encourages Miami-Dade County to provide technical guidance, funding mechanisms, and regulatory flexibility to municipalities seeking to implement approved peafowl mitigation plans.

SECTION 6. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Mayor and Members of the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners, the Mayors and City Managers of the City of Pinecrest, City of South Miami, and City of Miami, and other interested parties as deemed appropriate.

SECTION 7. That the City Commission hereby directs that peafowl mitigation and population management be included in the City’s legislative agenda and advocacy priorities.

SECTION 8. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.


PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS FOURTEENTH DAY OF APRIL, A.D., 2026.

(Moved: Anderson / Seconded: Fernandez)


(Unanimous Voice Vote)

(Agenda Item: F-10)

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