

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-255

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, STRONGLY URGING THE CITY OF MIAMI AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO ADOPT LEGISLATION PROHIBITING HOURLY HOTEL/MOTEL RENTALS WITHIN THE CITY OF MIAMI AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, it is well established that hotels/motels that allow for the hourly rental of rooms, are frequented by individuals engaged in prostitution and/or human sex trafficking, as well as other illegal activity; and

WHEREAS, Florida ranks third nationwide in human trafficking cases, according to a report by the Miami-Dade State Attorney's office; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Human Trafficking Unit worked with 582 victims of trafficking between 2012 and 2017 and approximately 67% of those victims were local to Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Super Bowl, to be held in Miami-Dade County, is certain to bring increased human sex trafficking, prostitution, and additional illegal activities to the Miami-Dade County area; and

WHEREAS, in December of 2016 the City of Coral Gables City Commission adopted Ordinance 2016-60, prohibiting hourly rentals of hotels/motels within the City of Coral Gables and prescribing penalties for violation of the prohibition; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County and the City of Miami are both home to numerous hourly rate motels and this Commission believes the communities in the County and City of Miami would greatly benefit from the passage of legislation similar to Ordinance 2016-60 passed by the City of Coral Gables;

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 strongly urges the City of Miami and Miami-Dade County to pass legislation prohibiting hourly hotel/motel rentals in the City of Miami and Miami-Dade County.

SECTION 3. That the City Clerk is directed to transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Miami-Dade County State Attorney, Katherine Fernandez Rundle, Attorney General Ashley Moody, each City of Miami Commissioner, each Miami-Dade County Commissioner, Mayor Suarez, and Mayor Gimenez, to representatives of each other municipality in Miami-Dade County, as well as the Miami-Dade County League of Cities.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF AUGUST, A.D., 2019.

(Moved: Lago / Seconded: Keon)

(Yeas: Lago, Mena, Fors, Jr., Keon, Valdes-Fauli)

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)

(Agenda Item: G-5)

APPROVED:



RAÚL VALDÉS-FAULI
MAYOR

ATTEST:



BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS
CITY ATTORNEY