

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION 2018-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, URGING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO AMEND ITS CODE SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF MASS-BRED DOGS AND CATS TO THE PUBLIC

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to prohibit the sale or transfer of mass-bred dogs and cats for sale to the public in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, mass-bred dogs and cats often come from breeding facilities known as “puppy mills” where they are bred and raised in appalling conditions; and

WHEREAS, various municipalities throughout the state of Florida have banned retail pet stores from selling mass-bred dogs and cats; and

WHEREAS, most recently the City of Miami passed an ordinance in July of 2017 limiting the sale of pets to: 1) publicly operated animal control facilities or animal shelters; 2) private, charitable, not for profit animal rescue organizations; 3) publicly operated animal control agencies or not for profit animal rescue organizations that operate out of or in connection with a pet store; 4) pet stores that sell pets formerly from animal shelters or locally regulated hobby breeders; or 5) sales from hobby breeders; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission urges Miami-Dade County to pass similar legislation so as to prohibit the sale of mass-bred dogs and cats to the public of Miami-Dade County.

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 urges the Miami-Dade County Commission to amend the County code so as to prohibit the sale or transfer of mass-bred dogs or cats within the County.

SECTION 3. That the City Commission directs the City Clerk to send copies of this resolution to the Miami- Dade County Commission and each County Commissioner, as well as Mayor Gimenez.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TENTH DAY OF APRIL, A.D., 2018.

(Moved: _____/ Seconded: _____)

(Yeas:)

(Unanimous:)

(Non-Agenda Item)

APPROVED:

RAÚL VALDÉS-FAULI
MAYOR

ATTEST:

WALTER J. FOEMAN
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS
CITY ATTORNEY