

ITEM TITLE:

RESOLUTION. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, DECLARING A CLIMATE EMERGENCY, AND URGING THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE FOR RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES AND PROPER STEWARDSHIP OF THE ENVIRONMENT (SPONSORED BY VICE MAYOR LAGO)

SUMMARY OF ITEM:

The City of Coral Gables continues its local and state climate leadership role by declaring a climate emergency and advocating for regional, national, and international leaders to be responsible stewards of our environment and promote resiliency and sustainability. The City has already started its transition away from fossil fuels by converting 10% of its fleet to electric, continuing the expansion of the city's over 38,000 trees, reducing total city operations electricity consumption by 10%, reducing city operations greenhouse emissions by 6% and community wide by 8% of 2013 levels, encouraging renewable energy through the PACE program, and is in process of installing solar PV on City facilities. The City has already started setting aside \$4.3 million into a Sea Level Rise Mitigation Fund with a goal of \$100 million by 2040. The City declares that a climate and ecological emergency threatens our city, region, state, nation, and the natural world. The City calls on the State of Florida, the United States Congress, the President of the United States, and all governments and people worldwide provide for resilient and sustainable communities and proper stewardship of the environment.

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