

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FLORIDA GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-69, ADOPTING RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR VIRTUAL CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS THAT TAKE PLACE DURING THE PENDENCY OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED IN FLORIDA GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-52**

**WHEREAS**, it is well established in opinions issued by the Florida Attorney General that in order to establish a quorum, the requisite number of members must be physically present in the room and, that if a quorum is physically present, the participation of an absent member by telephone/video is permissible due to extraordinary circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention has advised that in order to slow the spread of the Coronavirus/COVID-19, individuals should adopt far-reaching social distancing measures; and

**WHEREAS**, finding it necessary and appropriate to take action to ensure that Coronavirus/COVID-19 remains controlled and that residents and visitors in Florida remain safe and secure, on March 20, 2020, the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order No. 20-69 ("Order") suspending any Florida Statute, "that requires a quorum to be present in person or requires a local government body to meet at a specific public place;" and

**WHEREAS**, the Order also expressly permits local government bodies to utilize communications media technology, such as telephonic and video conferencing, as provided in section 120.54(5)(b)(2), F.S., and

**WHEREAS**, the Order does not waive any other requirement under the Florida Constitution or "Florida's Government in the Sunshine Law," including Chapter 286, F.S., and

**WHEREAS**, the Order requires that local government bodies adopt rules of procedure for virtual meetings, in accordance with section 120.54(5)(b)(2), F.S.

**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 in accordance with the Order, Chapter 252, F.S., and Section 120.54, F.S., the City Commission hereby adopts the Rules of Procedure attached hereto as Exhibit A for

virtual City Commission meetings that take place during the pendency of the state of emergency declared in the Governor's Executive Order 20-52.

**SECTION 3.** That said resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS THIRTY FIRST DAY OF MARCH , A.D., 2020.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

RAUL VALDES-FAULI  
MAYOR

BILLY URQUIA  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS  
CITY ATTORNEY