



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
October 13, 2020**

ITEM TITLE:

Resolution.

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, urging Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez to extend the county-wide curfew from 11:00 p.m. to midnight or, alternatively, to rescind the curfew, allowing individual municipalities to impose curfews in their cities as needed and further directing the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the officials named herein. (Sponsored by Commissioner Mena)

BRIEF HISTORY:

On July 2, 2020, Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez (“Miami-Dade County Mayor”), finding that a curfew was necessary to safeguard life and health due to the public health emergency related to the coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”), issued Emergency Order 27-20 imposing a curfew for all of Miami-Dade-County, including incorporated and unincorporated areas, effective from 10:00 p.m. each night through 6:00 a.m. the next morning. The Miami-Dade County Mayor subsequently issued Amendment No. 1 to Emergency Order 27-20 which allowed persons to be out after curfew if traveling to or from certain sporting events or religious services and Amendment No. 2 which extended the nightly curfew to 11:00 p.m.

The City Commission understands that the Miami-Dade County Mayor has continued to maintain the curfew as a way to reduce social engagement at private house parties and large social gatherings.

Restaurants located in the City have been unfairly impacted by this policy, particularly because COVID-19 does not spread more after 11:00 p.m. than before. The restaurant community is comprised of frontline, essential personnel: chefs, servers, line cooks and prep cooks, managers, hosts, bussers, expeditors and many others who drive this industry sector. The restaurant industry is also the end user of the supply chain that employs drivers, warehouse workers, shippers and ultimately personnel whose products are bought from local fisheries and sourced from local farmers; therefore, the impacts on these larger industries that are served by restaurants being open longer hours extend far beyond just the restaurant workers. The majority of all of those employed in the restaurant sector—from the server to the farmer to the delivery staff—have suffered financial impacts.

Extending the curfew by one additional hour would allow thousands of extra meals to be served weekly without creating any additional risk to City residents, visitors, or businesses. The Coalition of Miami-Dade County Chambers of Commerce, along with active local member Chambers of Commerce organizations, including the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce, have previously requested that the Miami-Dade County Mayor extend the curfew to midnight. The City Commission understands that each municipality located within Miami-Dade County is different with unique considerations relating to entertainment districts and should the Miami-Dade County Mayor deem it not appropriate to extend the curfew county-wide, the City Commission urges the Miami-Dade County Mayor to rescind the curfew, thus allowing individual municipalities to impose appropriate curfews in their cities as needed.

The proposed resolution urges the Miami-Dade County Mayor to extend the curfew to midnight or, alternatively, to rescind the curfew so that municipalities may impose appropriate curfews if needed. The proposed resolution further directs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of the resolution to the Miami-Dade

County Mayor.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Draft Resolution