

RESOLUTION NO. 21-1712

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES TOWN COUNCIL, PROVIDING SUPPORT TO THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BISCAYNE BAY TASK FORCE; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (CID)

WHEREAS, during the November 2020 Town of Miami Lakes (the “Town”) Council Meeting, the Town Council voted unanimously on the passage of a resolution in support of providing instruction to the Town Manager to review the recommendations of the Biscayne Bay Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of Biscayne Bay are inextricably linked to the economic and environmental well-being of Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Biscayne Bay provides Miami-Dade County residents and visitors with ecological and environmental benefits, beauty, and serenity; and

WHEREAS, Biscayne Bay was established by the County Commission as an Aquatic Park and Conservation Area; and

WHEREAS, part of Biscayne Bay lies within Biscayne National Park, and this renowned national park provides recreational opportunities as well as significant environmental value; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Biscayne Bay supports industries such as tourism, commercial and recreational fishing, and other water-based recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, Biscayne Bay has been suffering from detrimental amounts of pollution; and

WHEREAS, Canal C9, which runs through the Town Lakes of Ruth, Loch Ness and Loch Doon, extends out and pours into Biscayne Bay Canal;

WHEREAS, as a result, Canal C9, provides these lakes with an abundance of sea life such as salt water fish and manatees; and

WHEREAS, the there have been unprecedented fish kills, increases in phosphorus and nitrogen levels, rises in water temperature, algae blooms, toxic salinity levels, and low levels of oxygen in the water, caused by pollutants; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that it is in the best interest of the Town and its ecology to support the efforts of the Biscayne Bay Task Force.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. **Recitals.** The foregoing Recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

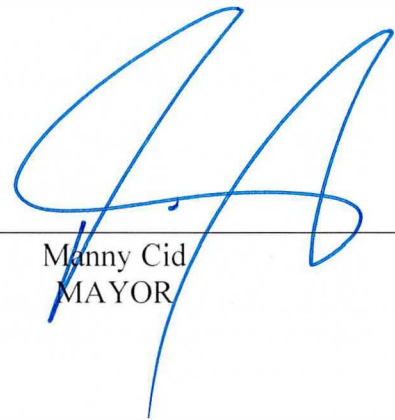
Section 2. **Support of the Biscayne Bay Task Force.** The Town Council hereby supports the report and recommendations of the Biscayne Bay Task Force as it relates to the reduction of pollutants entering into and harming Biscayne Bay, an important part of the Town's ecology.

Section 3. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Passed and adopted this 12th day of January 2021.

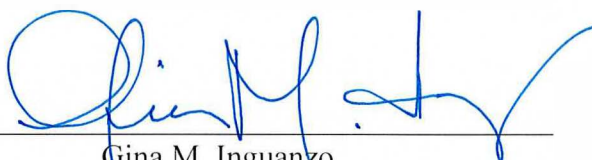
The foregoing resolution was offered by Councilmember Alvarez who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Dieguez and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Manny Cid	yes
Vice Mayor Luis E. Collazo	yes
Councilmember Carlos O. Alvarez	yes
Councilmember Josh Dieguez	yes
Councilmember Tony Fernandez	yes
Councilmember Jeffrey Rodriguez	yes
Councilmember Marilyn Ruano	yes




Manny Cid
MAYOR

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo
TOWN CLERK

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



Raul Gastesi, Jr.
Gastesi, Lopez and Mestre, PLLC
TOWN ATTORNEY