

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-R-85

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI FORMALLY JOIN THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE COMPACT (“COMPACT”) AS A MUNICIPAL PARTNER; ENDORSING THE MAYORS’ CLIMATE ACTION PLEDGE; THEREBY, AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE COMPACT, IMPLEMENTING THE REGIONAL CLIMATE ACTION PLAN, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, AND URGING ALL THE MAYORS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO SUPPORT AND ENDORSE BOTH THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND THE MAYORS’ CLIMATE ACTION PLEDGE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, consensus exists among the world's leading climate scientists that global warming caused by emissions of greenhouse gases from human activities is among the most significant problems facing the world today; and

**WHEREAS**, the Paris Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit “1” resulted in a commitment from almost every nation to take action and enact programs to limit global temperature increase to less than 2 degrees Celsius, with an expectation that this goal would be reduced to 1.5 degrees in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida is considered one of the most vulnerable areas of the country and most likely to suffer the consequences of global climate change with Southeast Florida being at the frontline to experience the impacts of a changing climate, especially sea level rise; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Miami (“City”) is generally at sea level and abuts Biscayne Bay, along a considerable length of its borders, and sea level rise will have broad impacts related to the City’s infrastructure, storm surge, public health, insurance rates, the availability of potable water, and socioeconomics; and

**WHEREAS**, the City must adapt to and mitigate the adverse effects of sea level rise and other climate-related impacts within its jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the need for immediate, coordinated, and visionary action to address the impacts of a changing climate and provide for economic and environmental

resilience in Southeast Florida, the City passed in 2013, Resolution Number: R-2013-62 supporting the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact (“Compact”) and agreeing to consider implementing the Regional Climate Action Plan (“RCAP”) attached as Exhibit “2” and the Greenprint Sustainability Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing that there are more than one hundred (100) municipalities within the region that will play an important role in the implementation of the RCAP, the Compact Partners included municipalities in the development of the RCAP; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council believes that supporting the Paris Agreement and joining the Compact is important for increasing the City’s resilience to climate-related impacts.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1. Recitals.** The recitals and findings contained in the Preamble to this Resolution are adopted by reference and incorporated as if fully set forth in this Section.

**Section 2. Support of the Paris Agreement.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby support the Paris Agreement and recommend that the City join the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact as a municipal partner.

**Section 3. Endorsement of the Mayor’s Climate Action Pledge.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby endorse the Mayors’ Climate Action Pledge and affirm its support for the Compact, agree to consider implementing the Regional Climate Action Plan, in whole or in part, and urge all the Mayors of Miami-Dade County to support and endorse the Mayors’ Climate Action Pledge.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by a 5 - 0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 27th day of June, 2017.

  
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DR. SMITH JOSEPH  
MAYOR

ATTEST:



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MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



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JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.  
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: Keys

Seconded by: Galvin

**Vote:**

Mayor Smith Joseph, D.O., Pharm. D.  
Vice Mayor Scott Galvin  
Councilwoman Carol Keys, Esq.  
Councilman Philippe Bien-Aime  
Councilman Alix Desulme

X (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (No)  
X (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (No)  
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