

RESOLUTION NO. 2019- 2583

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA URGING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES TO CREATE A COMMITTEE DEDICATED TO THE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF THE BISCAYNE BAY ECOSYSTEM, TO ADDRESS AND FORMULATE COMPREHENSIVE POLICIES ON REGIONAL ISSUES IMPACTING BISCAYNE BAY; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, issues concerning the water quality of Biscayne Bay and the protection of its natural habitats, sea grasses, corals, and mangroves are of the utmost importance to all of the Bayfront communities in Miami-Dade County (“County”); and

WHEREAS, although the Miami-Dade County League of Cities has five committees that address various matters of Countywide concern, such as transportation, legislation, the County budget, energy, the environment, and natural resources, a Committee should be formed comprised of elected officials representing each of the bayfront municipalities in the County (i.e., Aventura, Coral Gables, Homestead, Key Biscayne, Miami, Miami Beach, North Miami, Palmetto Bay, Pinecrest, Sunny Isles Beach, and Surfside) to consider and address measures to ensure that Biscayne Bay waters remain a clean and a viable habitat for local wildlife and sea life; and

WHEREAS, although the County is creating a Biscayne Bay Task Force, such entity is primarily a technical and administration-based working group to consider strategies to address issues impacting Biscayne Bay; and

WHEREAS, a committee comprised of local officials would be advantageous in formulating coordinated and comprehensive and countywide policies relative to Biscayne Bay.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The above-stated recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Urging Creation of Biscayne Bay Committee. The Town Commission hereby urges the Miami-Dade County League of Cities to create a committee dedicated to the protection and conservation of the Biscayne Bay ecosystem, to address and formulate coordinated and comprehensive policies on regional issues impacting Biscayne Bay.

Section 3. Implementation. The Town Manager and/or designee are authorized to take any and all action necessary to implement the purposes of this Resolution.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of May 2019.

Motion by Commissioner Karukin.
Second by Vice Mayor Gielchinsky.

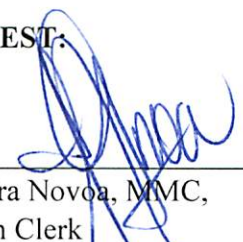
FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION

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| Commissioner Barry Cohen | <u>Absent</u> |
| Commissioner Michael Karukin | <u>yes</u> |
| Commissioner Tina Paul | <u>yes</u> |
| Vice Mayor Daniel Gielchinsky | <u>yes</u> |
| Mayor Daniel Dietch | <u>yes</u> |



Daniel Dietch, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sandra Novoa, MMC,
Town Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE ONLY:**



Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L.
Town Attorney