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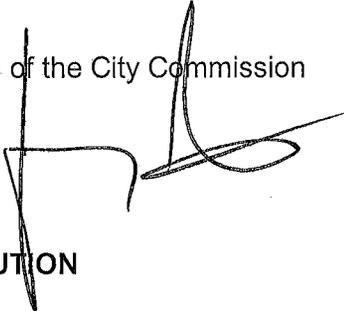
LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: January 22, 2016

SUBJECT: **CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI RESOLUTION**



Attached for your information is Resolution No. 004-16-14559, adopted by the Mayor and Commission of the City of South Miami on January 5, 2016.

A Resolution Of The City Of South Miami, Florida, In Support Of The Miami Tiger Beetle And Encouraging Both The Florida Fish And Wildlife Conservation Commission As Well As The United States Fish And Wildlife Service To Designate The Miami Tiger Beetle As A Threatened And *Endangered Species*.

The City of South Miami has requested that a copy of these resolutions be provided to the Miami Beach Mayor and Commissioners.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at 305.673.7411.

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Attachment

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A Resolution of the City of South Miami, Florida, in support of the Miami Tiger Beetle and encouraging both the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission as well as the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to designate the Miami Tiger Beetle as a threatened and endangered species.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of South Miami (the "City") recognize that one of the last tracts of endangered pine rockland ("Rockland") within Miami-Dade County is located along S.W. 152 Street and S.W. 12 Avenue in unincorporated Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Rockland is a globally imperiled habitat containing an array of plants, animals, and insects which are rare and exclusive to that habitat; and

WHEREAS, preservation of the native Rockland, and the species for which it provides a home, is of great importance for the protection of our native forest's unique and endangered environment; and

WHEREAS, one of the rare inhabitants of the Rockland is the Miami Tiger Beetle; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Tiger Beetle was presumed extinct until a recent survey detected the species in the Rockland; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2015, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission received a request to evaluate the status of the Miami Tiger Beetle for listing as a state-designated threatened and endangered species from the Center of Biological Diversity and individuals; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is undergoing a similar process, and has scheduled a January 13th Public Hearing at Miami Dade College Kendall Campus as part of its' rule making process for its proposal to list the Miami Tiger Beetle under the U.S. Endangered Species Act; and

WHEREAS, the City is concerned that the rare Miami Tiger Beetle will become extinct within Miami-Dade County and/or worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that this Resolution is in the best interest and welfare of the residents of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That each of the above stated recitals is hereby adopted and confirmed.

Section 2. The City Commission hereby expresses its support for the inclusion of the Miami Tiger Beetle in the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission state-designated threatened and endangered species list.

Section 3. The City Commission hereby expresses its support for the inclusion of the Miami Tiger Beetle in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service threatened and endangered species listing under the U.S. Endangered Species Act.

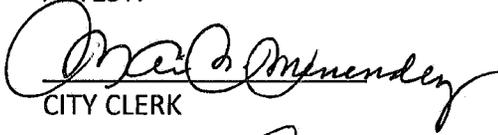
Section 4. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit this resolution to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commissioners, Florida State Legislators representing the City, and all elected municipal officials in Miami-Dade County.

Section 5. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit this resolution to members of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, our South Dade members of the United States Congress and United States Senate.

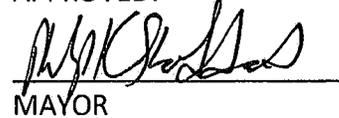
Section 6. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by vote of the City Commission.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of January, 2016.

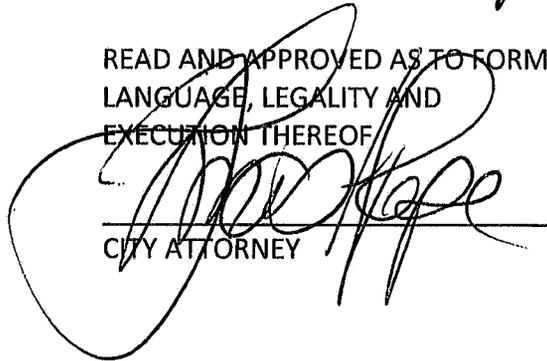
ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

APPROVED:


MAYOR

READ AND APPROVED AS TO FORM,
LANGUAGE, LEGALITY AND
EXECUTION THEREOF


CITY ATTORNEY

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| COMMISSION VOTE: | 5-0 |
| Mayor Stoddard: | Yea |
| Vice Mayor Harris: | Yea |
| Commissioner Edmond: | Yea |
| Commissioner Liebman: | Yea |
| Commissioner Welsh: | Yea |