**RESOLUTION NO. R-2012-124**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION BANNING THE MARKETING, POSSESSION, TRAFFICKING AND FURNISHING OF "BATH SALTS" CONTAINING DANGEROUS SYNTHETIC DRUGS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, certain synthetic hallucinogenic drugs marketed as "bath salts" are powerful stimulant drugs that are suspected to have been designed to avoid prosecution; and

**WHEREAS**, "Ivory Wave", "Purple Wave", Vanilla Sky", and "Bliss" are all among the many street names of a so-called designer drug known as "bath salts"; and

**WHEREAS**, with recent developments involving individuals' use of "bath salts" containing dangerous synthetic drugs, stricter measures must be taken to stop the growing prevalence of this designer drug; and

**WHEREAS**, users of dangerous drugs like "bath salts" containing dangerous synthetic drugs are terrorizing our communities and destroying lives; and

**WHEREAS**, citing an "imminent threat to public safety", the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") made illegal the possession or sale of all known chemical used to make "bath salts" for a one-year period; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami urge the DEA to make the ban permanent, in order to protect our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, by marketing these products as "bath salts" and labeling them "not for human consumption", the manufacturers and purveyors of these drugs have been allowed to sell them with impunity; and

**WHEREAS**, in recent years, the abuse of "salt baths" has been increasing and have become increasingly popular due to the perception that they pose a false sense that they are a safer alternative to illegal methods of getting "high"; and

**WHEREAS**, "bath salts" are readily available on the internet, at convenience stores, discount tobacco outlets, gas stations, pawn shops, tattoo parlors, and other locations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council believe that legislation banning the marketing, possession, trafficking and furnishing of "bath salts" containing dangerous synthetic drugs will give law enforcement the tools they need to keep our street safe from this new and emerging drug that ruins lives and causes havoc in communities across the country.

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

**Section 1.** **Recitals.** The recitals in the whereas clauses are true and correct, and are hereby ratified and confirmed by the Mayor and City Council.

**Section 2.** **Mayor and City Council Support.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, herby urge and encourage the State Legislature to enact legislation that bans the marketing, possession, trafficking and furnishing of "bath salts" containing dangerous synthetic drugs within the State of Florida.

**Section 3.** **Directions to City Clerk.** The City Clerk is hereby directed and authorized to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Rick Scott, and to all State Representatives, State Senators, the presiding Officers and Council members of the municipalities in Miami-Dade County, and to Richard Kuper, Esquire, Executive Director of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities.

**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 9 day of October, 2012.

ANDRE D. PIERRE, ESQ.
MAYOR

ATTEST:

MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

REGINE M. MONESTIME
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: Councilman Blynn

Seconded by: Mayor Pierre

**Vote**:

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| Mayor Andre D. Pierre, Esq. | x | (Yes) | | (No) |
| Vice Mayor Marie Erlande Steril | x | (Yes) | | (No) |
| Councilperson Michael R. Blynn, Esq. | x | (Yes) | | (No) |
| Councilperson Scott Galvin | x | (Yes) | | (No) |
| Councilperson Jean R. Marcellus | x | (Yes) | | (No) |