RESOLUTION NO. ___2021-R-69___

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE RETURN OF TRADITIONAL IN-PERSON MEETINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND ALL CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order No. 20-52, declaring a state of emergency for the entire State of Florida and said order was issued in response to the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Interim City Manager of the City of North Miami declared a state of emergency for the City of North Miami ("City") as authorized by section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, and section 2-419 of the City Code; and

WHEREAS, during the state of emergency, meetings of the City Council, boards, commissions, and committees were held in virtual formats in compliance with applicable Emergency Orders, and in accordance with Rules of Procedure adopted by the City Council in Resolution No. 2020-R- 43; and

WHEREAS, upon the expiration of the Governor's emergency orders on October 31, 2020, in-person quorum requirements were re-imposed for meetings of government bodies and boards; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2020, the Mayor and City Council found that emergency conditions due to COVID-19 still existed and due to the medical circumstances of members of the Council and its boards, voted to continue the use of virtual hearings (with a physical quorum at City Hall) through the end of the 2020 calendar year; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2020, the Mayor and City Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-R-135 which suspended, for the duration of the COVID-19 state or local state of emergency, any and all provisions of the City Code that would prevent members of the City Council or any other city board or commission from using communications media technology to participate in and

vote on items during meetings when: (1) a quorum of the City Council or other board or committee is physically present; and (2) the remote presence is medically necessary; and

WHEREAS, a large percentage of Miami-Dade County residents are vaccinated, vaccinations are now widely available, and the positivity rate in Miami-Dade County continues to trend downward; and

WHEREAS, government facilities and meetings, County-wide, are re-opening to the public; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now wishes to resume traditional in-person meetings of the City Commission and all City boards and committees at its regular meetings times pursuant to section 2-16 of the City Code.
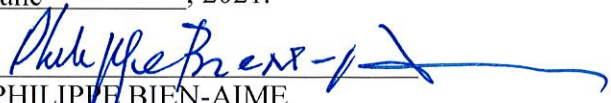
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. **Return to In-Person Meetings.** The Mayor and City Council hereby establish that as of July 13, 2021, all meetings of the City Council and all City boards, commissions, and committees shall resume in a traditional in-person format at the regular meeting times pursuant to section 2-16 of the City Code.

Section 2. **Authority of City Manager.** Nothing herein shall be interpreted to restrict the City Manager's authority to establish restrictions for entry into City facilities or City programming.

Section 3. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a ___4-0___ vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 22nd day of _____June_____, 2021.

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PHILIPPE BIEN-AIME
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN SCOTT GALVIN

Moved by: _____Timothe_____

Seconded by: _____Galvin_____

Vote:

Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime	__X__ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Vice Mayor Scott Galvin	__X__ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilwoman Kassandra Timothe, MPA	__X__ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin	__x__ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilman Alix Desulme, Ed.D.	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No) Absent