

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-R-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, DECLARING A CLIMATE EMERGENCY; URGING THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO DECLARE A CLIMATE EMERGENCY; REQUESTING REGIONAL COLLABORATION ON A TRANSITION PLAN AND EMERGENCY MOBILIZATION EFFORT TO RESTORE A SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE CLIMATE; PROCLAIMING A CALL TO ACTION FOR THE CITY TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TOWARDS ADAPTATION, MITIGATION AND RESILIENCY STRATEGIES; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, in April 2016, world leaders from 175 countries recognized the threat of climate change and the urgent need to combat it by signing the Paris Agreement, agreeing to keep the increase in global average temperature to “well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels,” and to “pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C”; and

WHEREAS, the City has experienced the disruption and destruction already wrought by climate change through hurricanes, flooding and other climatic events, that are also evidenced nationwide and worldwide by increased and intensifying wildfires, floods, rising seas, diseases, droughts, and extreme weather ; and

WHEREAS, the ecological effects of climate change are driving an increased rate of extinction of species, which could consequently devastate ecological stability and much of the biological life on Earth for the future generations; and

WHEREAS, reaching zero greenhouse gas emissions around the globe will require a drawdown or removal of all the excess carbon from the atmosphere, and to implement measures to protect all people and other biological species, requiring a coordinated emergency mobilization on a global scale; and

WHEREAS, the City is directly impacted by climate change through climatic events of increased number and size and has engaged in a series of efforts on climate adaptation, mitigation and resiliency initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the city is committed to pursuing policies and programs that are ecologically sustainable, equitable and just for all such as prohibiting the use of plastic straws, certain fertilizers, and polystyrene food service articles that negatively impact the City’s environment; and

WHEREAS, the City commits to city-wide climate emergency mobilization efforts to reverse climate change, aiming, with appropriate financial and regulatory assistance from Miami-Dade County, the State of Florida, and Federal authorities,, to decrease and minimize city-wide greenhouse gas emissions as quickly as possible; and

WHEREAS, the City further commits to educating its residents about the climate emergency and working to catalyze climate emergency mobilization efforts on local, state, national, and global levels to provide maximum protection for its residents and property owners; and

WHEREAS, the City understands the need for full community participation, inclusion, and support and recognizes that city residents, property owners and community organizations that include faith, youth, labor academic institutions, condominium associations, and a diverse range of civil society institutions will be integral to and in the leadership of the mobilization effort; and

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

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

Section 1. **Declaration of Climate Emergency; Call to Action.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby declares a climate emergency, and requests regional collaboration on an immediate emergency mobilization effort to restore a safe climate. The City Council hereby declares an immediate call to action, to mobilize and engage in continued efforts to achieve adaptation, mitigation and resiliency initiatives aimed at addressing climate impacts.

Section 2. **Transmittal.** That the City Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, each Florida Senator and Representative in the United States Congress,

the Mayor and members of the Commission of Miami-Dade County, the Florida League of Cities and the Miami-Dade County League of Cities.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 5-0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 14th day of January, 2020.


PHILIPPE BIEN-AIME
MAYOR

ATTEST:



VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN GALVIN & COUNCILWOMAN KEYS

Moved by: Desulme

Seconded by: Galvin

Vote:

Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Vice Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Councilman Scott Galvin	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Councilwoman Carol Keys, Esq.	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin	<u>X</u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)