

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-XX- \_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVE DESIGN MIAMI: DESIGN AND POLICY STRATEGIES FOR HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES AS DEVELOPED BY THE MIAMI CENTER FOR ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN ; SUPPORTING STAFF'S EFFORTS TO INCORPORATE STRATEGIES INTO PLANNING FUNCTIONS WHERE FEASIBLE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, today's global epidemic of chronic diseases is driven by a range of factors, one of which is the powerful impact of the built environment; and

**WHEREAS**, to reverse negative health trends, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that communities focus on supporting healthy eating and active living in a variety of settings; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade is experiencing many common health concerns, including rising obesity, chronic disease rates, high rates of depression, and other mental health issues; and

**WHEREAS**, planners, architects, and public health professionals, working collaboratively, have an essential role in addressing the rapidly growing epidemics of chronic diseases, especially in light of mounting scientific evidence demonstrating the impact of environmental design on physical activity and healthy eating; and

**WHEREAS**, Active Design is an approach to shaping communities that leverages evidence-based urban design and architecture solutions to improve public health by influencing day-to-day behavior that directly impacts community wellbeing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Health was awarded a grant by the CDC, and the Florida Department of Health contracted the Miami Center for Architecture & Design (a 501c3) in October 2015 to create Active Design strategies for use by Miami-Dade County and cities; and

**WHEREAS**, after a year-long collaborative, open process that included Miami-Dade County and 20 other local municipalities, Active Design Miami: Design & Policy Strategies for Healthier Communities was developed and includes strategies suited to Miami-Dade’s context and needs (see Exhibit A); and **WHEREAS**, Active Design Miami provides architects, planners, urban designers, and governments with a manual of strategies for creating healthier buildings, streets, and urban spaces, based on the latest academic research and best practices in the field; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Miami Beach adopted Ord. No. 2015-5 in 2015 to incorporate Mixed Use Districts to permit the efficient use of the land promote different land uses and adopted principles of good urbanism in the planning and development of the City (“North Miami Beach Ordinance”); and

**WHEREAS**, the North Miami Beach Ordinance currently supports transit-oriented development, walkable neighborhoods oriented around the five-minute walk, regulates mixed-use development to encourage residents to live, work, and play within the same neighborhood, and supports an environment that attracts day and evening activities so that the street is occupied by visitors, residents, business owners and operators who have a clear and vested interest in the vitality of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Miami Beach Comprehensive Plan, Future Land Use Element Objective 1.6, requires facilitating mixed-use and planned unit development projects that are of appropriate intensity, density, land use mix, and urban design to foster walkable neighborhoods, great public spaces, and increase the viability of pedestrian, bicycle, and public modes of transportation, and reduce dependency on the automobile; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Miami Beach Comprehensive Plan, Transportation Element Objective 1.1, requires that the impact on the traffic circulation system from new development and redevelopment is minimized through the implementation of the Smart Growth North Miami Beach

Vision, transportation concurrency, the capital improvement program, and programs that reduce automobile demand and support alternative modes of transportation to the automobile; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Miami Beach Comprehensive Plan, Transportation Element Objective 1.5, requires the City to continue to develop methods of providing a safer, more convenient, non-motorized circulation system; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Miami Beach Comprehensive Plan, Conservation Element, Policy 1.6.1, requires the City to promote compact, mixed-use development, defined as a mixture of residential and non-residential land uses in a design-unified, pedestrian-friendly environment with multi-modal transportation connectivity to other areas, at appropriate locations. A major purpose of mixed-use development shall be to provide opportunities to live, work, shop, and play in a walkable area, and to reduce automobile dependence and greenhouse gas emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Miami Beach Ordinance is found to be in alignment with the Active Design Guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, via Resolution 2023-XX the City of North Miami Beach has demonstrated its commitment to creating an active city through urban design by adopting a strategic road map (ex: a plan to implement a “Complete Streets” Program or similar program such as bike and/or transportation master plans).

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

**Section 1. Recitals.** The above Recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 2. Statement of Support.**

The City of North Miami Beach, Florida, hereby supports the implementation of Active Design Miami: Design and Policy Strategies for Healthier Communities as developed by the Miami Center for

Architecture and Design, as provided in Exhibit “A”; and supports staff’s efforts to incorporate its strategies into planning functions, as feasible.

**Section 3.      Effective Date.**

This Resolution shall be in force and take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW]

**ATTEST:**

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ANDRISE BERNARD  
CITY CLERK

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ANTHONY F. DEFILLIPO  
MAYOR

(CITY SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM &  
LANGUAGE & FOR EXECUTION

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HANS OTTINOT  
CITY ATTORNEY

Sponsored By: Mayor and City Commission

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Commissioners				
Mayor Anthony DeFillipo				
Vice-Mayor Michael Joseph				
Commissioner Jay R.Chernoff				
Commissioner Daniela Jean				
Commissioner Fortuna Smukler				
Commissioner Phyllis Smith				
Commissioner McKenzie Fleurimond				

**Exhibit A**

**Active Design Miami Design and  
Policies Strategies  
For Healthier Cities**