

RESOLUTION NO. 17- _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, 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 (MCAD); SUPPORTING STAFF'S EFFORTS TO INCORPORATE STRATEGIES INTO PLANNING FUNCTIONS WERE FEASIBLE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, today's global epidemic of chronic diseases is driven by a range of factors including the powerful impact of the built environment and 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 and chronic disease rates, and 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 impact 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 which included Miami-Dade County and 20 local municipalities, Active Design Miami: Design & Policy Strategies for Healthier Communities was developed and includes strategies suited to Miami-Dade's context and needs; and

WHEREAS, Active Design Miami provide 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, via Resolution 2017-1441 the Town of Miami Lakes 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}; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Miami Lakes Strategic Plan, includes strategies and initiatives to decrease our community's lifestyle disease rates through healthy eating and exercise, as well as increase the number of short walking and biking trips through safety and other programs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

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

Section 2. **Statement of Support.** The Town Council of the Town of Miami Lakes, Florida, 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 at Exhibit "A"; and supports staff's efforts to incorporate it strategies into planning functions, as feasible.

Section 3. **Effective Date.**

This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and adoption by the Town Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of June, 2017.

Motion to adopt by: _____, second by: _____.

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION

Mayor Manny Cid	_____
Vice Mayor Tony Lama	_____
Councilmember Luis Collazo	_____
Councilmember Tim Daubert	_____
Councilmember Ceasar Mestre	_____
Councilmember Frank Mingo	_____
Councilmember Nelson Rodriguez	_____

Manny Cid
Mayor

Attest:

Approve as to Form and Legal Sufficiency

Attest: _____
Gina Inguanzo
Town Clerk

Raul Gastesi
Town Attorney

Exhibit A

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