

RESOLUTION NO. 20-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THAT CONGRESS PASS LEGISLATION PROVIDING DIRECT FUNDING ASSISTANCE TO ALL CITIES TO HELP MITIGATE EXPENDITURES AND CURRENT AND FUTURE LOSSES AS A RESULT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CLERK; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (PIDERMANN)

WHEREAS, the coronavirus pandemic is an extraordinary time for the nation and the world has significantly altered the normal day to day life of most Floridians; and

WHEREAS, since Florida cases of the coronavirus were first reported, Florida's cities, towns and villages have been continuously working to respond to the needs of their residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Florida cities have been coordinating efforts among first responders, local health care professionals and county and state partners as we all work together to combat this pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Florida cities have been taking extraordinary measures to both limit the spread of COVID-10 and support local businesses, all while keeping the health and safety of their residents at the forefront of their efforts; and

WHEREAS, cities have been utilizing general revenues and implementing innovative and effective programs to deliver targeted relief such as mini grants, fee reductions and utility bill assistance to residents and small businesses needing assistance; and

WHEREAS, the fiscal consequences of COVID-19 are unprecedented and cities are now facing financial shortfalls while maintaining essential services for its residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Congress has passed several stimulus packages to provide relief to individuals and businesses facing enormous challenges as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provided direct federal relief to local governments with a minimum population of 500,000, which applied to only one Florida municipality; and

WHEREAS, Congress has not provided any direct funding to Florida's cities with a population under 500,000 to help mitigate the devastating and unexpected fiscal and employment impacts this pandemic has caused; and

WHEREAS, On June 10, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis announced Florida's plan to disburse up to \$1.275 billion in CARES Act funds to counties with a population below 500,000, and recommended that counties share funds with cities within their jurisdictions, but these funds are not guaranteed nor directly available to cities and

WHEREAS, cities are a key component to accelerating Florida's economic recovery and providing a climate that will help businesses thrive, attract visitors from all over the world and enhance the quality of life that the citizens of Florida expect and deserve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Town Support of Relief for Mainstreet Act. The Town of Miami Lakes urges Congress to pass direct federal funding assistance to all cities that will help to rebuild and restore the economic health of our nation by restoring the health of our cities, and in furtherance urges Congress to support Senate Bill 3742, sponsored by Senators Cory Booker (D- NJ), Steve Daines, (R-MT), and Patty Murray (D-WA), and House of Representative Bill 6907 by Representatives Daniel Kildee (D-MI-5) Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-5), Dwight Evans (D-PA-3) and Fred Upton (R-MI-6), together titled the RELIEF for Main Street Act. This bi-partisan legislation would allocate direct funding assistance to cities, counties and states in order to provide local relief and recovery funds for small businesses within their jurisdictions.

Section 3. Instructions to Town Clerk. The Town Clerk is instructed to remit a copy of this agreement to Congressman Mario Diaz Balart, Senator Marco Rubio and Senator Rick Scott.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____ 2020.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Councilmember _____ who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION

Mayor Manny Cid	_____
Vice Mayor Nelson Rodriguez	_____
Councilmember Carlos O. Alvarez	_____
Councilmember Luis Collazo	_____
Councilmember Joshua Dieguez	_____
Councilmember Jeffrey Rodriguez	_____
Councilmember Marilyn Ruano	_____

Manny Cid
MAYOR

Attest:

Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency

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TOWN CLERK

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