RESOLUTION NO. 17-___

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES 2017 URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2009, the Town Council of the Town of Cutler Bay (the "Town") adopted a Street Tree Master Plan (the "Master Plan") via Resolution Number 09-02; and

WHEREAS, the adopted Master Plan establishes a goal of planting over 6,700 new trees throughout the Town's right-of-ways, swale areas, and public spaces; and

WHEREAS, trees are an important part of our community, which encourages both pedestrian and cyclist use of the Town's public spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to submit the application attached hereto as Exhibit "A" for a Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services 2017 Urban and Community Forestry Grant (the "Application") for the amount of \$10,000.00, which will supplement funding for the Town's Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town bases its eligibility for the grant under Category 2 (Demonstration or Site-Specific Projects) of the eligibility criteria, which provides funding for tree planting on public land, tree protection projects, and tree maintenance projects; and

WHEREAS, if awarded, the Town will utilize the grant funds to demonstrate and implement "Florida Friendly" best practices in tree planting and plant canopy trees in the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager recommends that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to submit the Application; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that adoption of this Resolution will promote the health, safety and welfare of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. <u>Recitals.</u> The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

<u>Section 2.</u> <u>Authorization</u>. The Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager to submit the Application to the State of Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the 2017 Urban and Community Forestry Grant.

<u>Section 3.</u> <u>Effective Date</u>. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of September, 2017.

PEGGY R. BELL Mayor

Attest:

DEBRA E. EASTMAN, MMC Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE SOLE USE OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY:

WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN COLE & BIERMAN, P.L. Town Attorney

Moved By: ______ Seconded By: ______

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

Mayor Peggy R. Bell

Vice Mayor Sue Ellen Loyzelle

Council Member Mary Ann Mixon

Council Member Michael P. Callahan

Council Member Roger Coriat