

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL  
OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA,  
SUPPORTING THE CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI'S  
RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE MIAMI-DADE  
COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO BAN  
PLASTIC STRAWS OR RESTRICT THEIR USE;  
PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR  
AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Cutler Bay (the "Town") declares that plastic straws pose an unnecessary environmental hazard to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Cutler Bay as well as negatively impacting the Town's water quality and surrounding marine life; and

**WHEREAS**, plastic straws are non-biodegradable and can take several decades to deteriorate in the environment or landfill as most are not recycled; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 19, 2018, the City of South Miami adopted Resolution No. 117-18-15150, attached hereto as Exhibit "A," (the "South Miami Resolution") urging the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners to ban plastic straws or restrict their use; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, plastic straws are a common pollutant that photo grade or break down into more harmful, smaller pieces that last hundreds of years and are ingested by marine life and other wildlife, thus harming and killing them; and

**WHEREAS**, *National Geographic* estimates that plastic straws have killed an estimated one million sea birds and one hundred thousand marine mammals; and

**WHEREAS**, *The Guardian* estimates that by 2050, there will be more plastic straws than fish in the ocean; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council finds that the adoption of this Resolution is in the best interest and welfare of the residents 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.**     **Recitals.** The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 2.**     **Supporting South Miami Resolution.** The Town Council supports the South Miami Resolution, which urges and recommends that the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners ban plastic straws or restrict their use.

**Section 3.**     **Transmittal.** The Town Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners.

**Section 4.**     **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of July, 2018.

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
PEGGY R. BELL  
Mayor

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DEBRA E. EASTMAN, MMC  
Town Clerk

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

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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	_____