RESOLUTION 18-___

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES' DIVISION OF FORESTRY 2018 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 established a goal of planting over 6,700 new trees throughout the Town's right-of-ways, swale areas, and public spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to restore its tree canopy in public rights-of-way, in parks, and public spaces where trees were lost due to Hurricane Irma; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of National Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) Grant Program (the "Grant") is to provide financial assistance to local governments in order to initiate or enhance local urban and community forestry programs within the state of Florida; and

WHEREAS, under "Category I" of the Grant, funding is available to replace urban canopy due to recent hurricane and other weather-related events; and

WHEREAS, the Town intends to apply for a grant in the amount of up to \$20,000 for the planting of new trees; and

WHEREAS, if approved for the Grant, the Town will provide matching funds of 50%, not to exceed \$20,000 towards the tree planting project; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager recommends that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to submit an application for the Grant; 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. Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

<u>Section 2.</u> <u>Authorization of the Town Manager.</u> The Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager to submit an application to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the Grant to restore the Town's tree canopy.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED on this 17th day of October, 2018.

Attest:

PEGGY R. BELL Mayor

DEBRA E. EASTMAN, MMC Town Clerk

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

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

Moved 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