

RESOLUTION NO. 19-__

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA,
ESTABLISHING THE “CUTLER BAY ENVIRONMENTAL
STEWARDSHIP AWARD” RECOGNITION PROGRAM;
PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING
FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Town of Cutler Bay (the “Town”) is a leader in the State of Florida for promoting environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the Town became the first municipality in Miami-Dade County to earn “Certified Silver” designation from the Florida Green Building Coalition’s (FGBC) Green City Program, which recognizes municipalities that demonstrate a commitment to providing services and public spaces that are green and sustainable; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the Town lobbied Florida lawmakers and was instrumental in the adoption of House Bill 7179, which created Florida’s Property Assessment Clean Energy (PACE) program; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Town furthered its commitment to environmental sustainability by adopting an award-winning Green Master Plan, which established a plan for future implementation of green initiatives that will move the Town from a “Certified Silver” designation to a “Certified Gold” FGBC designation; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the Green Master Plan, the Town desires to establish the “Cutler Bay Environmental Stewardship Award” recognition program (the “Program”), acknowledging local businesses that voluntarily adopt green practices; and

WHEREAS, the Program will recognize local businesses that voluntarily adopt green practices that include, but are not limited to: securing FGBC Green Building Certification; significantly reducing or eliminating the use of plastic straws, bags, and expanded polystyrene products; implementing the nine principles of Florida Friendly Yards (FFY) in landscaping projects and/or seek FFY designation; providing golf cart and electric vehicle parking and charging stations; and other environmentally friendly best practices; and

WHEREAS, the Town finds that this Resolution is in the best interest of the Town and its residents.

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. Establishment. The Town Council hereby establishes the Program. The Program will recognize local businesses that voluntarily adopt green practices that include, but are not limited to: securing FGBC Green Building Certification; significantly reducing or eliminating the use of plastic straws, bags, and expanded polystyrene products; implementing the nine principles of Florida Friendly Yards (FFY) in landscaping projects and/or seek FFY designation; providing golf cart and electric vehicle parking and charging stations; and other environmentally friendly best practices.

Section 3. Implementation. The Town Manager is hereby authorized to take any and all action which is reasonably necessary to implement the purpose of this Resolution. The Town Manager is further authorized to adopt reasonable rules and regulations pertaining to the Program.

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

PASSED and ADOPTED this 15th day of May, 2019.

Attest:

TIM MEERBOTT
Mayor

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 Tim Meerbott	_____
Vice Mayor Sue Ellen Loyzelle	_____
Council Member Robert "BJ" Duncan	_____
Council Member Michael P. Callahan	_____
Council Member Roger Coriat	_____