

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING ALL UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE MEASURES RECOMMENDED BY THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION TO THE FLORIDA GOVERNOR, INCLUDING ALLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO APPLY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS RETROACTIVELY FROM THE DATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOLLOWING THE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY BY THE FLORIDA GOVERNOR DUE TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern due to the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”); and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 20-52 declaring a State of Emergency due to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the WHO declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, the Mayor of Miami-Dade County (“County”) issued the County Declaration of Local State of Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the Town of Cutler Bay (“Town”) declared a State of Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, it is common knowledge that COVID-19 has dramatically impacted the State’s economy including, without limitation, the commercial, hospitality, service, restaurant, bar, sales, and manufacturing sectors; and

**WHEREAS**, as of March 31, 2020, the number of Florida residents who had lost their jobs or who were furloughed due to COVID-19 reached 433,700 individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, as of April 31, 2020, the US Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that the National unemployment rate is at 14.7%; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 7, 2020, the County Legislative Delegation issued a letter to Florida Governor DeSantis, attached hereto as Exhibit “A,” fully supporting all measures recommended by the Governor to alleviate the normal constraints and requirements for State unemployment benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town supports relaxing unemployment assistance requirements to provide needed economic relief to eligible State unemployment applicants who lost their jobs due to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town finds that this Resolution will improve the quality of life, 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, THAT:**

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

**Section 2. Support.** The Town Council hereby expresses its support for all unemployment assistance measures recommended by the County Legislative Delegation outlined in the letter to the Florida Governor, attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

**Section 3. Transmittal by Clerk.** The Town Clerk is hereby directed to transmit this Resolution to Florida Governor Ron DeSantis and Chairperson of the County Legislative Delegation.

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

PASSED and ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of May, 2020.

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TIM MEERBOTT  
Mayor

Attest:

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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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_