



RESOLUTION NO. 2021-21

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI SUPPORTING LEGAL EFFORTS BY ATTORNEY GENERAL ASHLEY MOODY AND GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS AND URGING THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL "CDC" TO ALLOW THE CRUISE INDUSTRY TO IMMEDIATELY REOPEN WITH REASONABLE SAFETY PROTOCOLS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in March of 2020, following the CDC's "No Sail Order," Florida's cruise industry came to a screeching halt; and

WHEREAS, to this day, more than 1 year later, the Biden Administration continues to prohibit Florida's cruise ships from operating under its Conditional Sailing Order; and

WHEREAS, this prohibition continues, notwithstanding the fact that COVID-19 vaccines are widely available, that other countries have safely and successfully resumed cruise sailings, and that other industries like airlines, bus lines, hotels, restaurants, universities, theme parks, casinos, and bars have successfully reopened; and

WHEREAS, the cruise industry at Port Miami was responsible for 30,088 total jobs, over \$5.8 billion in total economic value, over \$549 million in direct personal income, over \$1,713 billion in induced, indirect, and direct personal income, and over \$188 million in state and local taxes; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has filed a lawsuit challenging the No Sail Order issued by the CDC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of West Miami as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing "whereas" clauses and heading are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption thereof.

Section 2. The City of West Miami urges the Center for Disease Control and the Biden Administration to allow cruise lines to operate immediately with reasonable safety protocols.

Section 3. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, the Center for Disease Control Director Rochelle Walensky, and President Joseph Biden.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage by the City Commission and signature of the Mayor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of April 2021.

APPROVED:



RHONDA A. RODRIGUEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:



**ANNERY GONZALEZ, MMC
CITY CLERK**

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND SUFFICIENCY:



JOSE A. VILLALOBOS, CITY ATTORNEY

ROLL CALL:

This Resolution was offered by Vice-Mayor Diaz-Padron, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Blanca. The vote was as follows:

MAYOR RHONDA A. RODRIGUEZ	<u>Y</u>
VICE-MAYOR ERIC DIAZ-PADRON	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER CANDIDA BLANCA	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER JUAN M. BLANES	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER LUCIANO L. SUAREZ	<u>Y</u>