



MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC #

304-2010

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: November 10, 2010

SUBJECT: **City of South Miami Resolution No. 236-10-13270 Medicinal Use of Marijuana.**

Attached for your perusal is a copy of City of South Miami Resolution No. 236-10-13270 requesting the Florida Legislature and Federal Government to decriminalize the use of Marijuana for medicinal purpose.

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Attachment

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

RESOLUTION NO: 236-10-13270

A Resolution of the Mayor and City Commission of the City of South miami, Florida, urging the Florida Legislature and Federal Government to decriminalize and authorize the medicinal use of marijuana; providing for an effective date.

Whereas, Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Michigan, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington and the District of Columbia have enacted laws protecting medical marijuana patients from state prosecution, and

Whereas, the State of Florida prohibits the possession, manufacture or use of marijuana for medicinal purposes, and

Whereas, marijuana is still considered illegal contraband under federal law, and

Whereas, marijuana has been reported to be effective in: a) reducing intraocular pressure in glaucoma; b) reducing nausea and vomiting associated with chemotherapy; c) stimulating the appetite for patients living with AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome) and suffering from the wasting syndrome; d) controlling spasticity associated with spinal cord injury and multiple sclerosis; e) decreasing the suffering from chronic pain; and f) controlling seizures associated with seizure disorders.

Whereas, the benefits of medicinal use of marijuana greatly outweigh any law enforcement or public safety concerns associated with such medicinal use.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Mayor and City Commission of the City of South Miami, Florida:

Section 1. The City Commission of the City of South Miami supports the decriminalization of marijuana for medicinal uses for individuals who suffer from

debilitating conditions for which marijuana has proven to be either an effective treatment or an effective way to minimize the patient's pain and suffering.


Section 2. The City Commission of the City of South Miami respectfully requests that the President, the United States Congress and Florida Legislature expeditiously decriminalize the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes.

Section 3. The City Clerk shall transmit copies of this Resolution to the President of the United States, to Governor Crist, and to the City's legislative delegation.

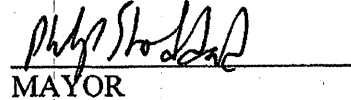
Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this Nov. 1, 2010.

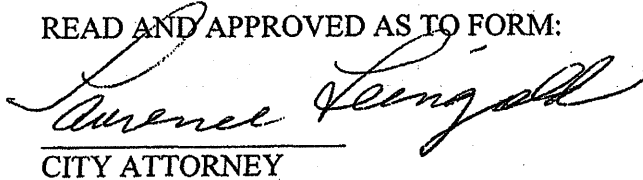
ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

APPROVED:


MAYOR

READ AND APPROVED AS TO FORM:


CITY ATTORNEY

COMMISSION VOTE:

Mayor Stoddard:
Vice Mayor Newman:
Commissioner Beasley:
Commissioner Harris:
Commissioner Palmer:

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Yea
Yea
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Yea
Nay