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Miami Beach Supports the Region's Largest Wildlife Hospital *– Joins Effort to Fundraise for the Pelican Harbor Seabird Station –*

Miami Beach, FL: The City of Miami Beach will join many local municipalities, including Key Biscayne, Bay Harbor Islands, Surfside, Miami Shores, Biscayne Park, North Miami and South Miami, as an event sponsor for the Pelican Harbor Seabird Station's annual fundraiser at the White Ibis level on Saturday, April 30.

The Pelican Harbor Seabird Station (PHSS) is dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and release of sick, injured or orphaned brown pelicans, seabirds and other native wildlife; and the preservation and protection of these species through educational and scientific means.

"We have a significant number of these majestic birds in Miami Beach and understand the need to help such a fine organization," said Miami Beach Commissioner Joy Malakoff. "The greatest numbers of injured birds come from our city, and after they are treated and healed they are released back into our community."

PHSS is a non-profit 501(c)(3) charity that operates solely on donations. They count on the support of the Miami-Dade Parks Department for the land lease and water use that makes the facility possible, but the operating budget is dependent on the generosity of organizations, businesses and individuals. With well over 200 patients per year, the average cost of treatment per pelican patient is \$500.

"We love Miami Beach and enjoy contributing to the city and beach in our own way by caring for injured birds and native wildlife and releasing them," said PHSS Executive Director Christopher Boykin. "We are very dedicated to the environment and sustainability and commend the City of Miami Beach for being a leader in climate change."

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