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**A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION SUPPORTING
AMENDMENT 6 ON THE NOVEMBER 4, 2008 BALLOT, WHICH WILL HELP
PRESERVE WORKING WATERFRONTS AND THE JOBS THEY SUPPORT.**

WHEREAS, the State of Florida's ("State's") working waterfronts are a critical link connecting people with the State's rich fish, wildlife, and other natural resources for commercial and recreational activities that are highly important to Florida's economy and the cultural character of the State; and

WHEREAS, working waterfronts include properties and facilities that provide access for water-dependent commercial and recreational activities and generally provide access for the public to the navigable waters of the State; and

WHEREAS, the projected growth of the State's population over the next 50 years and other environmental and economic factors will undoubtedly present extreme challenges; and

WHEREAS, those challenges, if not addressed, threaten to erode the rich cultural heritage associated with working waterfronts and good jobs they sustain on the Miami River, Biscayne Bay and waterways across the State; and

WHEREAS, it is beyond the means of the government of the City of Miami, Miami-Dade County or the State to purchase and preserve lands essential to maintaining working waterfronts that may be subject to land use changes in the years to come; and

WHEREAS, a proposed addition to the Florida Constitution, Amendment 6, to be on the ballot for the State's voters' approval during the November 4, 2008, election would offer a meaningful solution to this issue by providing for tax incentives for landowners who wish to maintain properties in working waterfront uses; and

WHEREAS, passage of Amendment 6 requires that 60 percent of voters cast ballots in favor of its adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The recitals and findings contained in the Preamble to this Resolution are adopted by reference and incorporated as if fully set forth in this Section.

Section 2. The Miami City Commission supports Amendment 6 on the November 4, 2008, ballot, and urges voters to approve its passage which will help preserve working waterfronts and the jobs they support and will benefit future generations of Floridians.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and signature of the Mayor.{1}

Footnotes:

{1} If the Mayor does not sign this Resolution, it shall become effective at the end of ten calendar days from the date it was passed and adopted. If the Mayor vetoes this Resolution, it shall become effective immediately upon override of the veto by the City Commission.