

**RESOLUTION NO.:** 2016-83

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, URGING STATE AND FEDERAL ELECTED OFFICIALS TO AVOID A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS BY PRIORITIZING THE FUNDING OF ALL NECESSARY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE EFFORTS TO ADEQUATELY COMBAT THE SPREAD OF ZIKA VIRUS.

**WHEREAS**, for the past year our public health agencies at all levels of government have been monitoring the spread, health risks and devastating health effects of the mosquito borne Zika virus in the western hemisphere; and

**WHEREAS**, in particular, the virus poses an alarming risk of serious birth defects for expecting mothers and any woman looking to get pregnant and impacts the health, safety and welfare of our community; and

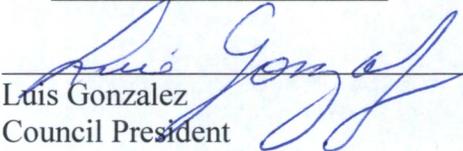
**WHEREAS**, despite anticipating the spread of the virus and impact on the continental United States, particularly to those communities who face a higher risk of transmission because of their location in southern states with warmer weather, our state and federal agencies have insufficient funding to implement necessary prevention and response strategies to avoid widespread transmission and avert a public health crisis;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, THAT:

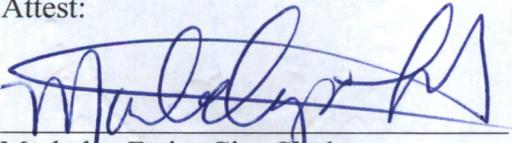
**Section 1.** The foregoing facts and recitations contained in the preamble of this resolution are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

**Section 2.** The Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah, Florida urge state and federal elected officials to avoid a public health crisis by prioritizing the funding of all necessary preparedness and response strategies to adequately combat the spread of Zika virus.

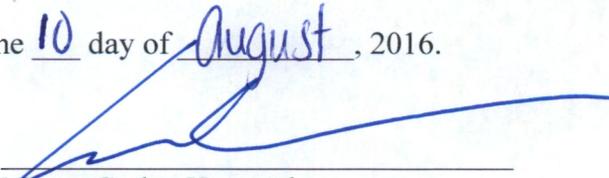
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9 day of August, 2016.

  
Luis Gonzalez  
Council President

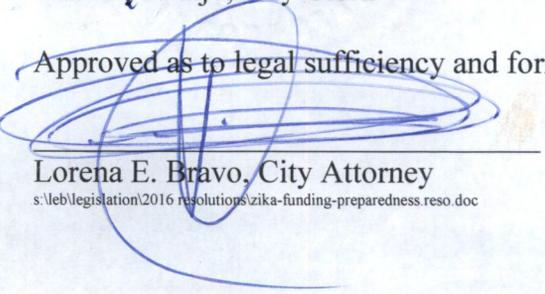
Attest:

  
Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk

Approved on the 10 day of August, 2016.

  
Mayor Carlos Hernandez

Approved as to legal sufficiency and form:

  
Lorena E. Bravo, City Attorney

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Resolution was adopted by a 6-0-1 vote with Councilmembers, Caragol, Casáls-Muñoz, Cue-Fuente, Lozano, Hernandez and Gonzalez voting "Yes". Councilmember Garcia-Martinez absent.