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3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-11**
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5 **RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE**
6 **COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF**
7 **BISCAYNE PARK JOINING THE BISCAYNE**
8 **BAY COALITION IN SUPPORT OF ITS**
9 **PROTECTION FOR THE HEALTH AND**
10 **WELLBEING OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**
11 **RESIDENTS AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF**
12 **OUR TOURISM ECONOMY; PROVIDING**
13 **FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**
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16 WHEREAS, Biscayne Bay is a part of the Greater Everglades Ecosystem; and
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18 WHEREAS, Biscayne Bay is designated as a national park and protects 172,000 acres
19 of submerged lands; and
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21 WHEREAS, Biscayne Bay is protected as an aquatic preserve and protects 70,000
22 acres of submerged lands; and
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24 WHEREAS, Biscayne Bay spans the entire coast of Miami-Dade County and is an
25 iconic part of the view-scape of Miami and the Beaches; and
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27 WHEREAS, Biscayne Bay supports the economy of Miami-Dade County and
28 surrounding areas through tourism and the Port of Miami for business; and
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30 WHEREAS, the Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserve and Biscayne National Park are the
31 nursery grounds for commercial and recreational fisheries vital to Miami-Dade's economy; and
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33 WHEREAS, the water quality of Biscayne Bay is essential for human health and safety
34 and the health of the environment; and
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36 WHEREAS, natural fresh water flows into Biscayne Bay have been severely diminished
37 due to impacts from sprawl and alterations to historic Everglades flow patterns; and
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39 WHEREAS, Biscayne Bay is a natural estuary in need of ongoing monitoring and
40 restoration; and
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42 WHEREAS, Biscayne Bay supports endangered and threatened species; and
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44 WHEREAS, Biscayne Bay and its coastal wetlands play a vital role in the Atlantic
45 flyway serving as a migratory pathway for wildlife and is globally important.
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48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF
49 THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA, that
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51 **Section 1.** The forgoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed
52 as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption.

