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3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2016-35**  
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5 A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION  
6 OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK,  
7 FLORIDA, URGING MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN  
8 MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO PARTNER WITH THE  
9 COUNTY TO SECURE STATE AND FEDERAL  
10 FUNDING TO ASSIST WITH THE ELIMINATION  
11 OF SEPTIC SYSTEMS AND CONVERSION TO  
12 SEWER SYSTEM CONNECTIONS; PROVIDING  
13 FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE  
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15 **WHEREAS**, on September 7, 2016, the Miami Dade County Board of County  
16 Commissioners adopted Resolution R-822-16, extending a hand in partnership with municipalities  
17 within its geographic boards, in connection with the titled initiative; *and*  
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19 **WHEREAS**, onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems, commonly referred to as septic  
20 systems, are a type of onsite sewage facility, a key component of which is the significant treatment of  
21 wastewater in an underground drainfields; *and*  
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23 **WHEREAS**, some portions of the County, including the Village of Biscayne Park, lack  
24 public sanitary sewer systems and therefore rely on septic systems to treat and dispose of household  
25 wastewater from toilets, showers, sinks and dishwashers; *and*  
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27 **WHEREAS**, wherever located, when improperly managed, septic systems may present  
28 environmental concerns, including potential vulnerability to the effects of increased water tables and  
29 sea level rise; *and*  
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31 **WHEREAS**, on July 6, 2016, Governor Rick Scott announced that he will propose additional  
32 funding in his State Fiscal Year 2017-2018 recommended budget for a voluntary matching program  
33 to encourage residents to convert from septic tanks to sewer systems to help curb pollution that is  
34 currently entering into the Indian River Lagoon and Caloosahatchee River; *and*  
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36 **WHEREAS**, Governor Scott stated in a press release that “[s]eptic tank runoff is a major  
37 contributor to the pollution in these water bodies and I look forward to working with the Legislature  
38 to fund efforts to curb it;” *and*  
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40 **WHEREAS**, the Governor’s proposal would also provide financial support to local  
41 communities to help them build wastewater systems to meet the increased demand for wastewater  
42 services; *and*  
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44 **WHEREAS**, as the Governor explained, “[i]t is up to all of us – the state, Florida’s local  
45 communities and the federal government – to work together on long term solutions to improve the  
46 quality of our water,” and “[t]hat is why I am going to commit state funding and match it with local  
47 contributions so we can work together on efforts to clean up our waters;” *and*  
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49 **WHEREAS**, in a companion item, the Village Commission is urging the Florida Legislature  
50 to provide state funding to assist local communities in eliminating septic systems and converting to  
51 sewer systems connections, as proposed by the Governor for the Indian River Lagoon and  
52 Caloosahatchee River; *and*

1           **WHEREAS**, the importance of eliminating septic systems and converting to sewer system  
2 connections extends beyond the local and state level, with the federal government playing an active  
3 role in policy and regulation of water quality issues; *and*

4           **WHEREAS**, the Village Commission recognizes the benefit of partnering with Miami Dade  
5 County, other municipalities, state and federal agencies to eliminate septic systems for the betterment  
6 of our environment and water quality, and to seek funding from the state and federal levels to assist  
7 with such endeavors,  
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9           **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE**  
10 **VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA, that:**

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12           Section 1. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true  
13 and correct and hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.  
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15           Section 2. The Village Commission urges municipalities to join in partnership with Miami  
16 Dade County to secure state and federal funding for assistance with the elimination of septic systems  
17 and conversion to sewer system connections.  
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19           Section 3. The Village Commission directs the Clerk to electronically transmit copies of this  
20 resolution to the Mayor and Manager of Miami Dade County and as well as each municipality in the  
21 County, and to the Executive Director of the Miami Dade County League of Cities.  
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23           Section 4. The Village Commission directs the Village's legislative consultant to advocate  
24 for the funding set forth above.  
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26 PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2016.  
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The foregoing resolution upon being  
put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

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33 David Coviello, Mayor

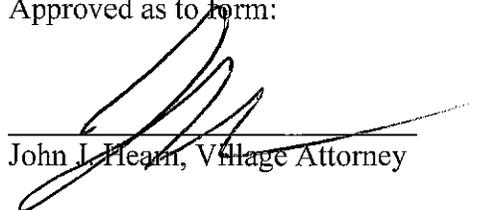
34 Mayor Coviello: Yes  
35 Vice Mayor Ross: Yes  
36 Commissioner Anderson: Yes  
37 Commissioner Jonas: Yes  
38 Commissioner Watts: Yes

39 Attest:

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42 Maria C. Camara, Village Clerk

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45 Approved as to form:

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49 John J. Pearn, Village Attorney