RESOLUTION NO. 2011-15

RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA, RELATING TO EXTENSION OF THE MEDIAN ALONG NORTHEAST 121ST STREET AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH NORTHEAST 5TH AVENUE; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTION TO THE VILLAGE MANAGER; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Village of Biscayne Park had previously commissioned and received the benefit of two traffic studies conducted by Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. (KH), dated January 2007 and July 2008 (the "KH Traffic Studies"); and,

WHEREAS, the KH Traffic Studies have formed the basis for several safety improvements in the Village, including, converting NE 9th Court into a one-way southbound street and implementing a 25MPH speed limit on local streets throughout the Village; and ,

WHEREAS, the KH Traffic Studies provided support and proposed traffic plans for an extension of the median along NE 121st Street at its intersection with NE 5th Avenue (" NE 121 Street Median Extension") to restrict turning movement, designed to eliminate a sight-distance issues, reduce cut-through traffic on NE 5th Avenue, eliminate illegal u-turns on NE 121st Street and reduce median damage from tight–radius turns at the site; and,

WHEREAS, the Village residents in the area have expressed overwhelming support for the NE 121st Street Median Extension, even offering to subsidize the project if other funding is not available, in order to accomplish this safety feature for the Village; and,

WHEREAS, the Village medians and green spaces are a defining aspect of our community, and every opportunity to expand on these treasures add benefit to the Village and all of its residents; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Village Commission desire to support the NE 121 Street Median Extension proposal issued by Kimley-Horn.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA, that this Commission supports the implementation of the NE 121 Street Median Extension, and to that end, the Manager is directed to:

a) Engage our neighboring municipality, the City of North Miami, in discussion concerning the proposed NE 121 Street Median Extension, including but not limited to recommendations to enhance and maintain the median that runs along the length of our common border;

b) Engage Village resources, the residents, Police Department, Public Works, Park & Parkways Board, and Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., to develop a plan of action and budget, including funding sources, to implement Kimley Horn and Associates' recommendation concerning the NE 121 Street Median Extension; and,

c) Report on developments at the earliest opportunity, but no later than the regular Commission Meeting to be held in June, 2011.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of April, 2011.

Roxanna Ross, Mayor

Attest:

Maria C. Camara, Village Clerk

Approved as to form:

John J. Hearn, Village Attorney

The foregoing resolution upon being Put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Ross : Yes
Vice Mayor Bernard: Yes
Commissioner Anderson : Yes
Commission Childress : Yes
Commissioner Cooper: Yes