

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION FOR [MUNICIPALITY], CALLING FOR THE BAN OF THE USE OF HERBICIDES CONTAINING GLYPHOSATE

WHEREAS, the governing body has determined that it is necessary to reduce the risk to human health and the environment by minimizing the use of certain herbicides; and

WHEREAS, recently it has been proven that there are cancer risks associated with glyphosate-based weed killers such as Round-Up and Ranger Pro; and

WHEREAS, in a March 2015 report, the World Health Organization’s International Agency for Research on Cancer (“IARC”) concluded that glyphosate, the key ingredient in Round-Up is “probably carcinogenic in humans;” and

WHEREAS, the governing body of [municipality] has determined that the use of certain herbicides on lands within the county creates a risk contributing to adverse effects on surface and/or ground water; and

WHEREAS, the governing body wishes to further protect the public health, safety, and welfare of its residents, employees, and contractors by eliminating their exposure to potentially harmful and carcinogenic substances used in the maintenance of landscaping within [municipality] owned and private lands; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to protect Biscayne Bay and improve water quality throughout the region, the governing body of [municipality] has determined that banning the use of herbicides containing glyphosate by any County employee applicator or applicator on County-owned property is necessary and in the best interest of the public and Biscayne Bay; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of [municipality] wishes to eliminate the risks associated with herbicide products containing glyphosate and therefore seeks to ban the application of glyphosate containing herbicides such as Round-Up and Ranger Pro by all County employees and commercial applicators in the performance of landscaping and maintenance work on all [municipality] - owned or managed properties and direct [municipality] departments to take all actions necessary to accomplish the aforesated objectives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF [MUNICIPALITY], as follows:

SECTION 1. The governing body of [municipality] hereby directs County department heads to take all actions necessary to ban the use of herbicides containing glyphosate by all [municipality] employees and applicators in the performance of landscaping and maintenance work on all properties owned, leased, or operated by [municipality].

SECTION 2. The governing body of [municipality] hereby directs the [municipality] Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Florida Department of Agriculture, the Florida League of Cities, the Florida League of Counties, the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, and to all municipalities in Miami-Dade County.

SECTION 3. Effective date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption, as provided by law.