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**Coconut Grove Village Council
Coconut Grove, Florida**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COCONUT GROVE VILLAGE COUNCIL DISCHARGING PUBLICATION OF
THE *COCONUT GROVE SPOTLIGHT***

WHEREAS, the Coconut Grove Village Council seeks to keep the community informed about important and relevant issues specific to Coconut Grove.

WHEREAS, the Coconut Grove Village Council communicates regularly with the Coconut Grove community using a variety of media (website, social media, eblasts, blogs, newsletters, etc.).

WHEREAS, the Coconut Grove Village Council maintains an email list exclusive to such communications.

WHEREAS, the Coconut Grove Village Council's website includes website links to community organizations, governmental agencies, and local news sources for residents to find more information about local issues and events.

WHEREAS, the Coconut Grove Village Council's Visibility Committee is responsible for leading these information and awareness efforts on behalf of the Council.

WHEREAS, at its meeting of Monday, March 9, 2020, the Coconut Grove Village Council discussed the introduction of the *Coconut Grove Spotlight* and indicated its initial support for the publication as a means to regularly inform the Coconut Grove community of important local issues and events.

WHEREAS, at its meeting of Monday, March 9, 2020, the Village Council discussed the focus of *Coconut Grove Spotlight* should be family-friendly (G rated content) and not contain any stories that deal with political party affiliations or that would be offensive to the general community. Content would be relevant to Coconut Grove residents and focus primarily on Coconut Grove topics. In the event that any story did not meet these criteria, prior to publication, the Coconut Grove Village Council would first approve the content. Otherwise, all other articles would not need Coconut Grove Village Council approval prior to publication and is at the discretion of the *Coconut Grove Spotlight* Editor.

WHEREAS, at its meeting of Monday, March 9, 2020, the Village Council discussed the continuation of the *Coconut Grove Spotlight* after terms of current members expire.

WHEREAS, since the launch of the *Coconut Grove Spotlight* all costs associated with the production and distribution of the publication have been paid for by donations by Coconut Grove Village Council members. The Coconut Grove Village Council has not incurred any costs or paid any fees towards this effort.

WHEREAS, the time, effort and costs associated with maintaining or growing this publication has greatly exceeded the level of volunteer hours that is sustainable.

WHEREAS, the Visibility Committee has informed the Coconut Grove Village Council that the publication of the *Coconut Grove Spotlight* will require funding to compensate the Editor's time and improve the platform for delivering the publication.

WHEREAS, The Coconut Grove Village Council believes the *Coconut Grove Spotlight* is a valuable resource to the community but cannot financially support the effort and therefore will terminate the publication at which time it can no longer be executed on a volunteer basis allowing the *Coconut Grove Spotlight* to restart as a publication operated independent from the Coconut Grove Village Council.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the Coconut Grove Village Council to provide guidelines for current and future practices of the *Coconut Grove Spotlight* until such time it is an independent publication.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COCONUT GROVE VILLAGE COUNCIL THAT:

Section 1. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption thereof.

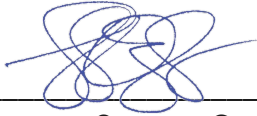
Section 2. The Village Council will first offer transference of the publication to any current member of the Coconut Grove Village Council for publication on a volunteer basis then, if no interest is taken, make a public offering to pass the publication to another entity or person that endeavors to continue the reporting of issues pertinent to the residents of Coconut Grove at a time immediately following adoption of this resolution.

Section 3. Individuals and entities currently receiving the *Coconut Grove Spotlight*, as a Village Council sponsored communication will be informed of the disassociation between the Village Council and the *Coconut Grove Spotlight*.

Section 4. To maintain privacy of individuals who have provided contact information for the purpose of Coconut Grove Village Council communications, the *Coconut Grove Spotlight* novated to the new publisher, must solicit individuals to provide their contact information directly to the *Coconut Grove Spotlight* without direct communication to those currently on the Coconut Grove Village Council's Distribution List.

Section 5. Any individual or entity who initially subscribed to the Village Council Distribution List shall continue to receive Village Council communications.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Coconut Grove Village Council, this 20th day of July 2020.
I acknowledge the undersigned personally appeared before me and acknowledges that he executed the foregoing Resolution.



Secretary, Coconut Grove Village Council

SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 20th DAY OF JULY, 2020.



Marcelo Fernandes
Chairman, Coconut Grove Village Council