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**RESOLUTION NO: 2015-74**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF  
THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING  
THE EAST COAST GREENWAY ALLIANCE'S INITIATIVE KNOWN  
AS "WHEELS". (Sponsored by Mayor Eugene Flinn)**

**WHEREAS**, the 24th annual general membership meeting of the East Coast Greenway Alliance will take place in Miami-Dade County November 13-15, 2015 for the purpose of advancing a 2,900-mile paved, off-road multi-use trail for transportation and recreation between Maine and Florida, including a portion of the South Dade Trail immediately adjacent to the Village of Palmetto Bay, and

**WHEREAS**, the Greenway seeks in each county where it convenes to help decision-makers integrate trails in the most asset-based way for lasting good purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County and its municipalities, including Palmetto Bay, drive a globally significant regional economy, yet a region whose economy and quality of life are endangered by massive roadway congestion, widely acknowledged by leaders of county government, leaders of business, editorialists and through popular complaint and green mobility initiative that call for new thinking; and

**WHEREAS**, initiatives in human powered transportation also add quality to life, especially initiatives that appeal to in particular to young adults and to retired adults whose reliance on cars lessens, who are re-populating and helping revitalize metropolitan downtowns and the centers of small towns, and who everywhere find walking, bicycling, trails and transit compatible with their generational outlook as well as affordable; and

**WHEREAS**, among these initiatives in green mobility, discussions favorably cite projects that as recently as the turn of the present century might have seemed utopian to transportation planners – all deeply civic, all citizen driven -- including The Underline, Plan Z for the Rickenbacker Causeway, the Old Cutler Trail, conversion of the Ludlam rail corridor to a Ludlam Trail; and the East Coast Greenway; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade already enjoys an expanding network of trails, and together with Broward and Palm Beach counties a transit network unequalled elsewhere in Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, a mix of public, private and nonprofit sectors has joined with the East Coast Greenway Alliance in an initiative called WHEELS that seeks to create bike/walk/transit/trail experiences for 10,000 people between November 11 and November 15 this year, 1,000 of them from outside Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, the WHEELS initiative will include a two half-day conference for which the keynote speaker will be Ryan Gravel, initiator of the \$2.2 billion Atlanta BeltLine, a widely praised economic and social development program that combines bike/walk/transit/trails and that additionally connects home with jobs, schools and parks; and

1           **WHEREAS, WHEELS**, in addition to the conference, will include a range of activities  
2 from safety training to bike-in street parties; and  
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4           **WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade Department of Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces  
5 (PROS), through its Bike 305 program, and Everglades Bicycle Club are enlisting the Miami-  
6 Dade County bicycling community to engage as a mentoring force during WHEELS, with the  
7 prospect that significant numbers in the tri-county area will find bike/walk/transit/trail a new  
8 and lasting mobility option; and  
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10           **WHEREAS**, a growing number of public, private and nonprofit entities have already  
11 subscribed to WHEELS, so far including the Natural Resources Defense Council, the League of  
12 American Bicyclists, the Florida Department of Transportation, the Florida Bicycle Association,  
13 the Florida Greenways and Trails Foundation, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council,  
14 the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, the Southeast Florida Transportation  
15 Council, South Florida Commuter Services, Miami-Dade County through action by its Board of  
16 County Commissioners and through various of its agencies, the City of South Miami, the  
17 Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, Beacon Council, Emerge Miami, the Everglades Bicycle  
18 Club, Friends of the Underline, Green Mobility Network, Baptist Health/South Miami Hospital,  
19 First National Bank of South Miami, Dover, Kohl & Partners, FootWorks, J&B Imports, Mack  
20 Cycle and the merchants of South Miami, among others; now therefore,  
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22           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE**  
23 **COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**  
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25           Section 1.       The Village of Palmetto Bay does hereby welcome the 24th annual  
26 general membership meeting of the East Coast Greenway Alliance to Miami-Dade County, does  
27 endorse the program known as WHEELS, and does encourage the public, private and nonprofit  
28 sectors to facilitate WHEELS, and call upon the citizens of Miami-Dade County to take part in  
29 all aspects of this far-reaching program for the ongoing transportation and social benefits it  
30 promises for all South Florida.  
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32           Section 2.       This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.  
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34           PASSED and ADOPTED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2015.  
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Meighan Alexander  
Village Clerk

  
Eugene Flinn  
Mayor

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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE  
USE AND RELIANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY ONLY:



Dexter W. Lehtinen  
Village Attorney

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

- Council Member Karyn Cunningham      YES
- Council Member Tim Schaffer      YES
- Council Member Larissa Siegel Lara      YES
- Vice-Mayor John DuBois      YES
- Mayor Eugene Flinn      YES