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**RESOLUTION NO: 2015-89**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, ENDORSING THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A TEN-MILE LINEAR PARK ALONG THE METRORAIL CORRIDOR, CONSISTENT WITH THE UNDERLINE'S PROPOSAL. (Sponsored by Councilwoman Karyn Cunningham)**

**WHEREAS**, the Friends of The Underline (formerly the GreenLink) have proposed an initiative to transform various lands underneath the MetroRail right-of-way into a contiguous ten-mile walkway, bike path, linear park, and transit mobility corridor from the Miami River north of the Brickell MetroRail Station to the Dadeland South MetroRail Station, known as "The Underline"; and

**WHEREAS**, this project is in keeping with the 2008 Miami-Dade County Parks and Open Spaces System Master Plan, which serves as the County's framework for building a system of parks, public spaces, natural and cultural areas connected by greenways, waterways, trails, and streets designated as linear parks in order to create a healthier, greener, and a more economically vibrant place to live, work, and play; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Village Council remain supportive of projects that promote health and well-being of County residents and visitors by providing a walkable and bike-able corridor that also promotes mass transit opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, The Underline will provide a world-class multimodal corridor and linear park modeled after successful linear parks, such as the High Line in New York City and the 606 Trail in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, The Underline would provide for a widened, straightened, and lighted path, improved crosswalks, and transformation of the existing M-Path into a world-class public park space providing recreational options for pedestrians and cyclists in the heart of the urban core; and

**WHEREAS**, the development of this public asset into a linear park would serve the community with purposeful green space and serve as a catalyst for meaningful mixed-use transit-oriented development of the eight Miami-Dade Transit MetroRail stations along the proposed path; and

**WHEREAS**, the development of transit-oriented development at these MetroRail stations will create an urban environment for commuters, residents, workers, and visitors and will integrate quality amenities and enhances lifestyle and mobility by providing easily-accessible transit connections to commercial, cultural, and residential venues throughout the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the project will create positive changes for the local community and environment whereby, according to the TrailBenefit estimate provided by Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces Department, this ten-mile corridor and the expected enhanced

1 transportation-oriented developments will reduce or eliminate 1.4 million motorized trips and  
2 630 tons of carbon dioxide emissions and save 60,000 gallons of fuel; and  
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4 **WHEREAS**, the project will result in improvements to social, environmental, and  
5 economic conditions alongside U.S. 1, one of Miami-Dade's most highly trafficked corridors;  
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8 **WHEREAS**, The Underline will provide an urban restoration of natural habitats for  
9 plant and animal life in a park setting.  
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11 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE**  
12 **COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**  
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14 **Section 1.** The Village of Palmetto Bay endorses the creation and implementation  
15 of a ten-mile linear park along the Metrorail Corridor, consistent with The Underline's proposal,  
16 in order to promote and facilitate bicycling and walking throughout Miami-Dade County.  
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18 **Section 2.** The Village Clerk is directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to the  
19 appropriate governmental entities.  
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21 **Section 3.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.  
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23 PASSED and ADOPTED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2015.  
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26 Attest: Meighan J. Alexander  
27 Meighan J. Alexander  
28 Village Clerk  
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Eugene Flinn  
Eugene Flinn  
Mayor

30 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE  
31 USE AND RELIANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY ONLY:  
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34 Dexter W. Lehtinen  
35 Dexter W. Lehtinen  
36 Village Attorney  
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38 FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:  
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40 Council Member Karyn Cunningham YES  
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42 Council Member Tim Schaffer YES  
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44 Council Member Larissa Siegel Lara YES  
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46 Vice-Mayor John DuBois YES  
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48 Mayor Eugene Flinn YES