



RESOLUTION NO. 2024-003

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE SALE OF MILANI PARK AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County currently owns property in the Town designated as Milani Park; and

WHEREAS, the County plans on developing Milani Park for recreational and similar uses; and

WHEREAS, the Town believes that the development of Milani Park as a recreational park is not in the best interest of the residents of the Town of Highland Beach due to increased traffic, compromised safety and security, potential hazards for beachgoers, and negative impacts on sea turtle nesting; and

WHEREAS, the Town believes that the sale of Milani Park to a private developer, in accordance with the Town's Land Use Rules and Regulations, would be in the best interest of both the Town and the County; and

WHEREAS, the County is suffering a capital budget shortfall in excess of \$700 million; and

WHEREAS, the sale of Milani Park could generate as much, or more, than \$20 million for Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County could utilize the funds from the sale coupled with funds not used to develop the park to address crucial community needs, including affordable and workforce housing, recreation facilities and parks, or other capital projects throughout Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, the County's development of the Milani Park property as a recreational park would negatively impact the Town by: a) increasing traffic in the Town; b) compromising the safety and security of the residents of the Town; c) creating safety concerns for individuals crossing busy state road ("A1A") to access the beach side of the proposed recreational park; d) placing beachgoers at risk to the dangerous swimming conditions created by the Yamato Rock



formation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed recreational use on the park would negatively impact critical sea turtle nesting habitat; and

WHEREAS, the development of Milani Park as a recreational park would put a strain on the Town’s limited public safety resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND BEACH, FLORIDA, that Palm Beach County cease their efforts to develop the Milani Park property as a recreational park and instead sell the property to a private developer. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

DONE AND ADOPTED by the Town Commission of the Town of Highland Beach, Florida, this ____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

Natasha Moore, Mayor

REVIEWED FOR LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

Lanelda Gaskins, MMC
Town Clerk

Glen Torcivia, Town Attorney
Town of Highland Beach

VOTES:

YES NO

Mayor Natasha Moore
Vice Mayor David Stern
Commissioner Evalyn David
Commissioner Donald Peters
Commissioner Judith M. Goldberg