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3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2016-02**
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5 **A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE**
6 **COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF**
7 **BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA OPPOSING THE**
8 **FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE**
9 **COMMISSION'S ACTION TO PERMIT BEAR**
10 **HUNTING, AND REQUESTING THE**
11 **INTERVENTION OF THE GOVERNOR AND**
12 **THE STATE LEGISLATURE; PROVIDING FOR**
13 **AN EFFECTIVE DATE**
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16 WHEREAS, the Village of Biscayne Park and its citizens endeavor to be good stewards
17 of the environment and its resources, including its wildlife; and,
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19 WHEREAS, in 2012, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FFWC) removed the
20 Florida black bear from Florida's Endangered and Threatened Species List; and,
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22 WHEREAS, in 2015, the FFWC adopted a Bear Management Plan Rule that included a
23 bear hunt; and,
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25 WHEREAS, the 2015 FFWC Rule, by its very nature in granting unlimited permits,
26 created a mechanism that allowed the killing of more than the stated limitation of bears.
27 Realistic monitoring measures were not in place to ensure that the thousands of anticipated
28 hunters would cease their efforts when reaching the Bear Management Unit limits.
29 Additionally, the Stated taxed hunters for more permits than the bears that they were allowed
30 to kill; and,
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32 WHEREAS, the FFWC's decision to allow bear hunting was based on outdated (13
33 year old) date; and,
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35 WHEREAS, this decision created overwhelming opposition from citizens and
36 environmental groups throughout the State; and,
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38 WHEREAS, during the 2015 hunt, lactating female bears were killed, leaving orphaned
39 cubs living in the wild as prey; and,
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41 WHEREAS, during the 2015 hunt, actual kill rates far exceeded approved quotas in two
42 of the four Bear Management Units (BMUs); and,
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44 WHEREAS, future bear hunts will serve to thwart and undo the past efforts of the
45 FFWC and others to promote this previously endangered or threatened species; and
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47 WHEREAS, the Village of Biscayne Park would like to recognize FFWC
48 Commissioner Ron Bergeron for his stance in opposing the bear hunt in Florida and speaking
49 out against the ruling.

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3 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COMMISSION**
4 **OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA:**
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6 **Section 1.** The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are true and correct and hereby
7 ratified and confirmed by the Village Commission.
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9 **Section 2.** The Village of Biscayne Park does hereby urge the FFWC to refrain
10 from approving future bear hunts.
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12 **Section 3.** The Village Commission further resolves and requests that the Governor
13 of the State of Florida and the State Legislature intervene as may be appropriate to address the
14 concerns stated herein.
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16 **Section 4.** The Village Commission does further direct the Village Clerk to send
17 copies of this Resolution to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission, Governor Rick Scott,
18 Florida Senate President Andy Gardiner, and Florida Speaker of the house Steve Crisafulli.
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20 **Section 5. Severability.** If any section clause, sentence, or phrase of this resolution
21 is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the
22 holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution.
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24 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.
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26 PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of February, 2016.

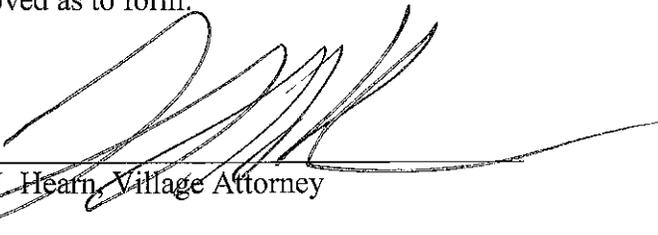
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28 **The foregoing resolution upon being**
29 **put to a vote, the vote was as follows:**

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32 David Coviello, Mayor

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34 Attest:

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37 Maria C. Camara, Village Clerk

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41 Approved as to form:

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44 John J. Hearn, Village Attorney
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Mayor Coviello: Yes
Vice Mayor Watts: Absent
Commissioner Anderson: Yes
Commissioner Jonas: Yes
Commissioner Ross: Yes