

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2018-

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
4 COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA,
5 GRANTING A NONEXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO SEAPORT
6 HUB AGENCIES, INC., FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM TO
7 PROVIDE STEAMSHIP AGENT SERVICES AT PORT
8 EVERGLADES; PROVIDING FOR FRANCHISE TERMS
9 AND CONDITIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY
10 AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

11 WHEREAS, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners (the "Board")
12 adopted Resolution No. 94-1302 creating Chapter 32 of the Broward County
13 Administrative Code, effective November 22, 1994, which provides, in part, for the
14 granting of franchises to businesses to conduct operations at Port Everglades; and

15 WHEREAS, Seaport Hub Agencies, Inc., has submitted an application for a
16 nonexclusive franchise to provide steamship agent services at Port Everglades; and

17 WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the application in light of the requirements of
18 Chapter 32 of the Broward County Administrative Code and has relied on the
19 representations of Seaport Hub Agencies, Inc., contained in the application; and

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21 WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on May 8, 2018, as required under
22 Section 32.22 of the Broward County Administrative Code; and

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1 WHEREAS, based on the representations of Seaport Hub Agencies, Inc., and
2 information presented by Broward County staff and the public, the Board does hereby
3 find, determine, and declare the granting of a nonexclusive franchise to Seaport Hub
4 Agencies, Inc., for steamship agent services to be in the best interest of the operation
5 and promotion of the port and harbor facilities, NOW, THEREFORE,

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7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
8 BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

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10 Section 1. The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are true and correct and are
11 hereby ratified by the Board of County Commissioners.

12 Section 2. AWARD OF FRANCHISE TO SEAPORT HUB AGENCIES, INC.

13 Seaport Hub Agencies, Inc. ("Franchisee") is hereby granted a nonexclusive
14 franchise to provide steamship agent services at Port Everglades (the "Franchise"),
15 subject to the terms and conditions of Sections 3 through 8 of this Resolution.

16 Section 3. TERM.

17 The Franchise shall be for a period of one (1) year, from May 8, 2018, through
18 May 7, 2019, unless sooner terminated in accordance with Section 32.29 of the Broward
19 County Administrative Code.

20 Section 4. FRANCHISE CONDITIONS.

21 By its execution of the franchise application, Franchisee has agreed that it will be
22 bound by and comply with all franchise conditions set forth in Section 32.24 of the
23 Broward County Administrative Code.

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1 Section 5. LAW, JURISDICTION, VENUE, AND WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL.

2 The Franchise shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with and governed
3 by the laws of the state of Florida. The exclusive venue for any lawsuit arising from,
4 related to, or in connection with the Franchise shall be in the state court of the
5 Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida. Franchisee irrevocably
6 subjects itself to the jurisdiction of said Court. This provision shall not apply to matters
7 that fall within the exclusive subject matter jurisdiction of the federal courts or those to
8 which jurisdiction is confirmed by law upon the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC). In
9 the latter case, either Broward County or Franchisee may choose to bring any such matter
10 before the FMC. If any claim arising from, related to, or in connection with the Franchise
11 must be litigated in federal court, the exclusive venue for any such lawsuit shall be in the
12 United States District Court or United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District
13 of Florida. **FRANCHISEE AND BROWARD COUNTY EXPRESSLY WAIVE ANY**
14 **RIGHTS EITHER PARTY MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY OF ANY CIVIL**
15 **LITIGATION RELATED TO THE FRANCHISE.**

16 Section 6. INDEPENDENT AUDITOR.

17 If requested by the Broward County Auditor, Franchisee shall appoint at its sole
18 cost an independent auditor approved by the Broward County Auditor to review
19 Franchisee's ongoing compliance with the terms and conditions of the Franchise and
20 issue a compliance report to Broward County within thirty (30) calendar days after the
21 appointment of the independent auditor.

22 Section 7. NOTICES.

23 Any notices required under the Franchise or by law shall be given in writing and
24 shall be sent by registered or certified mail by depositing the same in the United States

1 Mail, postage prepaid, or by hand delivery, or by overnight courier. Any notice given by
2 United States Mail shall be deemed effective and served three (3) business days after the
3 date of the mailing. Any notice given by hand delivery or overnight courier shall be
4 deemed to have been given upon receipt. Broward County or Franchisee may, by giving
5 written notice to the other, change the address to which its notices are to be received.
6 Until any change is made, notices to Franchisee shall be delivered to the person identified
7 in the franchise application as having authority to bind the Franchisee. Until any such
8 change is made, notices to Broward County shall be delivered as follows:

9 Broward County, Port Everglades Department
10 ATTN: Chief Executive/Port Director
11 1850 Eller Drive
12 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316

12 Section 8. ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE.

13 In accordance with Section 32.27 of the Broward County Administrative Code, the
14 Port Everglades Department Business Administration Division will issue a franchise
15 certificate to Franchisee setting forth the terms and conditions of the Franchise.

16 Section 9. SEVERABILITY.

17 If any portion of this Resolution is determined by any Court to be invalid, the invalid
18 portion shall be stricken, and such striking shall not affect the validity of the remainder of
19 this Resolution. If any Court determines that this Resolution, or any portion hereof, cannot
20 be legally applied to any individual(s), group(s), entity(ies), property(ies), or
21 circumstance(s), such determination shall not affect the applicability hereof to any other
22 individual, group, entity, property, or circumstance.

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Section 10. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:
Andrew J. Meyers, County Attorney

By /s/ Al A DiCalvo 04/25/18
Al A DiCalvo (date)
Assistant County Attorney

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