

Miami Blue Chapter

North American Butterfly Association

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Commissioner Raquel A. Regalado
Miami-Dade County
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Via E-mail: district7@miamidade.gov

Dear Commissioner:

I write to you on behalf of the Miami Blue Chapter of the North American Butterfly Association.

We strongly encourage you to adopt proposed Sections 21–30.4 of the Miami-Dade County Code, which would prohibit, among other things, the intentional feeding of feral cats, feral dogs, and Indian Peafowl on County-owned commercial and public properties. Each of these species in their feral state pose a significant risk to the natural environment, as well as humans.

My organization is particularly concerned about protecting pollinators (particularly butterflies) - the explosion of Indian Peafowl in the County is materially harming those important natural resources. Further, true sympathy for the subject animals would be to take actions to eliminate them from their feral state; to do otherwise is to perpetuate damage both to them and to our natural environment.

While we do not believe that this effort goes far enough, it's a start. We would appreciate your support for the proposed ordinance.

Sincerely,



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President
Miami Blue Chapter

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