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### **Miami Beach Addresses Tidal Flooding in Preparation for King Tides** *— Temporary Pump Stations & Wall Deployed —*

**Miami Beach, FL** – The City of Miami Beach is anticipating extreme high tides known as King Tides starting today through October 20, 2016. With current tides over one foot above the levels predicted by the National Oceanographic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the city is urging its residents and visitors to stay safe and dry.

Motorists are encouraged to not drive through flooded areas, as it can be dangerous and cause short and long-term damage to vehicles. If drivers must go through tidal floods, it is recommended for the undercarriage of your car to be washed in order to remove the saltwater.

“Water in the streets also picks up pollutants from the surrounding environment,” explained Chief Resiliency Officer Susy Torriente. “Avoid coming into contact with flood water, and ensure children do not play in or near this water.”

In anticipation of these King Tides, the city has installed a series of flood protection measures, including temporary pumps to help keep flood prone neighborhoods dry. The city has also constructed a temporary wall along Indian Creek Drive between 26 and 36 streets. The public works department continues to aggressively clean the stormwater system to reduce pollutants from entering the waterways and conducts regular inspections to identify flood impacted areas.

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