# SOUTH FLORIDA BUSINESS AND NON-PROFIT LEADERS LAUNCH MAJOR BAHAMIAN RELIEF CONSORTIUM

Top Executives and Organizations from Across the Region Combine Resources to Dispatch Aid to the Bahamas Following Devastating Impact of Hurricane Dorian

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL - Following Hurricane Dorian's historic, devastating impact to the Bahamas, leading members of the South Florida business and philanthropic communities today announced they have come together to create the Bahamian Relief Consortium as part of Mission Resolve (MissionResolve.org). 100% of the proceeds raised by Mission Resolve's Bahamian Relief Consortium will go directly to provide relief to the children and families affected by Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas and other affected areas. The rapidly growing group already includes senior executives from Bahamas Paradise Cruise Line, Resolve Marine Group, Entercom Communications, Celebration of the Sea Foundation, Broward Workshop, South Florida Chapter of Entrepreneur's Organization, The Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, Keys Strong, Gold Aviation, JetScape, Tropic Air, Premier Protection Insurance, Dimor Aero and Marine Connection, as well as representatives from numerous various state volunteer organizations.

Bahamas Paradise Cruise Line, which has operated round-trip cruises from the Port of Palm Beach to Freeport, Grand Bahama Island for the past decade, is known for stepping up to the plate during times of crisis. The company deployed *Grand Celebration* to St. Thomas in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma, working alongside Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) to house more than 2,000 first responders for two months after the storm. Working together, Bahamas Paradise Cruise Line and Mission Resolve are engaged in daily direct communications with the Bahamian government – including Deputy Prime Minister Kevin Peter Turnquest – to determine the critical areas of need in order to serve as a liaison for those looking to assist in the Hurricane Dorian recovery effort. Donations, real-time updates and ongoing information on how to provide support the Mission Resolve relief efforts are accessible online at www.MissionResolve.org.

"Our friends, partners and neighbors in the Bahamas were dealt a harsh hand this week by Hurricane Dorian, and they have a very long and difficult road ahead, as they begin to pick up the pieces of their lives and homes and begin the hard work to rebuild their community," said Oneil Khosa, Bahama Paradise Cruise Line's CEO. "Our hearts go out to all of those impacted and at this time of great need, we feel it is imperative to issue a rapid response, demonstrating our full support through action. With the creation of the Bahamian Relief Consortium, we've assembled a powerhouse group of business and non-profit and social service leaders from across South Florida. We are proud to see so many people stepping up to the plate in such a significant way."

In addition to monetary donations, which are now being accepted, items are being accepted at various drop-off points – including Bahamas Paradise Cruise Line's Riviera Beach warehouse – which can be found on the Mission Resolve website and include, among other things:

- Canned goods
- Building supplies (roofing materials, tar paper, plywood, etc.)
- Water
- Sheetrock
- Hygiene products

- First Aid kits
- Mosquito repellent
- Blankets
- Chlorine tablets
- Pampers, baby wipes, and baby food

"In times like these, it's critical that we all move quickly to assess the need and then provide assistance directly for those who so desperately need it," said Joe Farrell, co-founder of Mission Resolve. "Our Resolve Marine Group has just been asked by the Bahamian Government to survey the port in Grand Bahama and we have our team there now. We are incredibly proud to be part of this extraordinary consortium helping serve the Bahamian relief effort and we are hopeful many more wonderful members of our South Florida community will continue to join us."

To find out more about how you can support the Bahamian Relief Consortium, please visit www.MissionResolve.org.

### **ABOUT MISSION RESOLVE**

Mission Resolve Foundation was established through an innovative collaboration between Resolve Marine Group and The Celebration of the Sea Foundation. The initiative has begun with the introduction of the 216-foot HERV (Humanitarian & Environmental Response Vessel) "LANA ROSE" as a new category of vessel to serve as a global catalyst to engage, educate and inspire the public in best practices for humanitarian aid, civic engagement and the deployment of applied science. Mission Resolve was established to provide humanitarian relief and disaster preparedness training in addition to support for the deployment of actionable solutions to pressing global environmental challenges. The organization intends to begin adding a fleet of additional vessels in other areas of the world in order to serve multiple countries simultaneously on an international basis. For more information about how you or your organization can collaborate with or support Mission Resolve please contact Amanda Martin at (239) 370-8696 or Amanda@MissionResolve.org.

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