

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION REAFFIRMING THE CITY'S CONDEMNATION OF ANTISEMITISM AND BIGOTRY AND DESIGNATING THE MAYOR AS A SIGNATORY TO THE MAYORS' COMPACT TO COMBAT HATE AND EXTREMISM.

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2019, the City Commission passed Resolution 2019-117, condemning antisemitism, bigotry and discrimination against all minorities; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2019-117 was later amended by Resolution 2020-225 to adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA), "Working Definition of Antisemitism" and a definition for bigotry; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission also adopted Resolution Number 2021-205, condemning antisemitism, discrimination and bigotry against all minorities and acknowledging the ongoing contributions made by Coral Gables' Jewish community; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish people continue to be a targeted minority in the United States and are consistently the most likely of all religious groups to be victimized by incidents of hate, and such incidents are increasing at an alarming rate; and

WHEREAS, state and local officials have a responsibility to protect all citizens from acts of hate and bigotry, including antisemitism; and

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Police Department partners with law enforcement agencies at the local, state, and federal level to keep abreast of and share intelligence as it relates to antisemitic criminal activity in order to remain vigilant and proactive in its focus to keep the community safe from hate crimes; and

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Police Department maintains close communication with Temple Judea and other Jewish organizations to ensure information regarding community concerns and intelligence regarding antisemitic acts is shared, to keep the Jewish community safe; and

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Police Department investigates all criminal acts associated with antisemitism and makes clear that such behavior will not be tolerated; and

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Police Department has been successful in apprehending offenders who perpetrate hate crimes, for example vandalism; and

WHEREAS, the United States Conference of Mayors and the Anti-Defamation League recently renewed their 2017 initiative to fight hate, extremism and bigotry and to promote the fundamental principles of justice and equality for which America strives; and

WHEREAS, the Mayors' Compact to Combat Hate and Extremism ("Compact") has ten key components: 1. Expressly rejecting extremism, racism, and all forms of bigotry, 2. Denouncing all acts of hate wherever they occur, 3. Ensuring public safety while protecting free speech and other basic constitutional rights, 4. Calling for fully resourced law enforcement and civil rights investigations of domestic terrorism and hate crimes, 5. Elevating and prioritizing anti-bias and anti-hate programs in our nation's schools, 6. Supporting communities and bringing together civic and community leaders to build trust, 7. Celebrating diversity, fostering inclusivity and challenging bias, 8. Promoting professional development for law enforcement on responding to and reporting hate incidents, hate crimes, and domestic terrorism, 9. Encouraging residents in their communities to report hate incidents and crimes, including using hotlines and online tools, and 10. Maintaining civil rights enforcement and improving hate crime laws when necessary; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to reaffirm its denunciation of antisemitism and join the dozens of cities that have signed onto the Compact nationwide by designating the Mayor as a signatory;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. The foregoing "**WHEREAS**" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

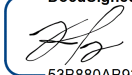
SECTION 2. That the City Commission hereby reaffirms the City's condemnation of antisemitism and bigotry and designates the Mayor as a signatory to the Mayors' Compact to Combat Hate and Extremism.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS FOURTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY,
A.D., 2023.

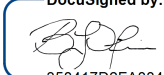
(Moved: Anderson / Seconded: Mena)
(Yeas: Anderson, Cason, Mena, Menendez, Lago)
(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)
(Agenda Item: G-2)

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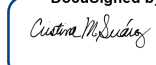
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