

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**DECLARATION OF UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-71.1**

A DECLARATION OF UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY FILING AN AMICUS BRIEF IN THE CASE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA V. RAY BRADLEY.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Coral Gables honors and appreciates the sacrifices of all Coral Gables Police Officers; and

**WHEREAS**, supporting the families of Coral Gables Police Officers is of utmost importance to the City; and

**WHEREAS**, through the City's Justice Advocate Program, the City collaborates with the Miami-Dade State Attorney's office to identify those defendants who repeatedly commit crimes and victimize the Coral Gables community and to ensure vigorous prosecution; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1972 longtime Coral Gables Police Officer Robert DeKorte was killed in the line of duty when responding to a burglary call; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1972 Ray Bradley was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole for felony murder; and

**WHEREAS**, recently a trial court judge ordered that Ray Bradley be afforded a new sentencing hearing based on recent case law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade State Attorney's office is appealing that decision in the Third District Court of Appeal in case number 3D17-726; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission feels it is the City's duty and responsibility to support all of its officers and the DeKorte family, in particular, and to avoid re-victimization of the City's citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Attorney has determined that an amicus curiae (friend of the court) brief should be filed in the Third District Court of Appeal case in support of the Miami-Dade State Attorney's position that Ray Bradley not receive a new sentencing hearing, pursuant to Sec. 2-201(4) of the City Code authorizing the City Attorney to "file

amicus curiae briefs...where the City Attorney determines that the city has an interest in such proceedings and where such action is warranted to protect the city's interest;" and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission supports the City Attorney's decision to file an amicus brief in case number 3D17-726;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY THE UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF 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 Declaration upon adoption hereof.

**SECTION 2.** That the City Commission does strongly support the filing of an amicus brief in the Third District Court of Appeal case in support of the Miami-Dade State Attorney's position that Ray Bradley not receive a new sentencing hearing.


**SECTION 3.** That the City Commission recognizes that Officer Robert DeKorte made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting the residents of the City of Coral Gables and fully supports his family and all of their sacrifices.

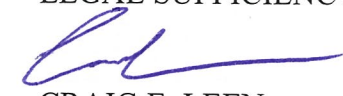
**SECTION 4.** That this Declaration shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF MARCH, A.D., 2017.

(Unanimous Consent Vote)  
(Agenda Item: I-2)

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