

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-205

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION CONDEMNING ANTISEMITISM, DISCRIMINATION AND BIGOTRY AGAINST ALL MINORITIES AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY CORAL GABLES' JEWISH COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, Coral Gables is home to many Jewish people and Jewish houses of worship; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution 2020-225 the City Commission adopted the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism, which defines antisemitism as "a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities."; and

WHEREAS, according to the Anti-Defamation League, there have been over 250 incidents of hate, extremism and antisemitism in Florida from 2020-2021; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Federal Bureau of Investigation found that attacks against Jewish people and institutions made up 60.3 percent of all religious-based hate crimes; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade metropolitan area is home to one of the largest Jewish communities in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and welfare of all residents of Coral Gables is of the utmost important to the City of Coral Gables; and

WHEREAS, the increase in violent attacks on Jewish people in the United States, are tragic evidence of the continued antisemitism and bigotry that exists in our country; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution 2019-117 the City Commission adopted a resolution condemning antisemitism, discrimination and bigotry against all minorities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables continues to stand against anti-Semitism in all its forms, and against discrimination and bigotry against all minorities; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to highlight the good work and ongoing contributions made by the Coral Gables Jewish community including specifically the work of Temple Judea in running a landmark early childhood-education

center open to all children, preserving a showcasing their unique and historic building, and continuing their ongoing interfaith engagement with other Coral Gables religious institutions;

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 continues to stand against antisemitism, bigotry, and discrimination in all its forms and reaffirms our commitment to the health, safety, and welfare of all residents.

SECTION 3. That the City Commission honors and recognizes the ongoing work and contributions of the City’s Jewish community including the many contributions by the Jewish residents of Coral Gables and specifically, Temple Judea.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF AUGUST,
A.D., 2021.

(Moved: Mena / Seconded: Anderson)
(Yeas: Anderson, Fors, Jr., Mena, Menendez, Lago)
(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)
(Agenda Item: G-16)

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