

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. ____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, CONDEMNING AIRBNB INC.'S DECISION TO REMOVE LISTINGS OF RENTALS IN ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN THE WEST BANK; AND, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE OFFICIALS DESIGNATED HEREIN.

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Gables ("City") is a leader amongst local governments in fostering equality for all and in condemning discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the City shares democratic values, common strategic interests, and bonds of friendship and mutual respect with Israel, which is our friend and ally; and

WHEREAS, Airbnb, Inc. ("Airbnb") is a privately held global company headquartered in San Francisco, California that operates an online marketplace and hospitality service, which is accessible via its websites and mobile applications and through which its members can arrange or offer lodging and tourism experiences; and

WHEREAS, Airbnb recently decided to remove all listings of rentals in Israeli settlements in the area historically known as Judea and Samaria, now more commonly referred to as the "West Bank," while continuing to allow non-Israeli listings in the West Bank; and

WHEREAS, Airbnb's actions are antithetical to the nondiscriminatory values and policies that are important to the City; and

WHEREAS, all businesses that operate in the City should conduct their business in a way that does not discriminate against anyone, for any reason, including but not limited to their nationality or religion; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission expresses its strong support and steadfast commitment to the security, welfare, and survival of the sovereign State of Israel and urges Airbnb to reconsider its decision to de-list only Israeli-owned properties in the West Bank; and

WHEREAS, Resolutions condemning the discriminatory actions of Airbnb in Israel have been adopted by the City of Miami Beach, City of Miami, the Village of Bal Harbour, and the Town of Surfside and the City of Coral Gables desires to join these local governments in condemning the discriminatory practices of Airbnb; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution should be transmitted by the City Clerk to the President of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, the Board of County Commissioners for Miami-Dade County, and the Mayors of all municipalities in Miami-Dade County.

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 of Coral Gables hereby condemns Airbnb Inc.'s decision to remove listings of rentals in Israeli settlements in the West Bank; and, directs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the officials designated herein.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2019.

APPROVED:

RAUL VALDES-FAULI
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

BILLY URQUIA
CITY CLERK

MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS
CITY ATTORNEY