

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-117**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
CONDEMNING ANTI-SEMITISM, DISCRIMINATION  
AND BIGOTRY AGAINST ALL MINORITIES.**

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

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of State uses the “working definition” of anti-Semitism as “a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of anti-Semitism 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, the number of anti-Semitic incidents in the United States rose 57 percent from 2016 to 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, the Federal Bureau of Investigation reported a 37 percent increase in hate crimes against Jewish people and institutions, and found that attacks against Jewish people and institutions made up 58.1 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 importance to the City of Coral Gables; and

**WHEREAS**, the increase in violent attacks on Jewish people in the United States, including the recent shootings in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Poway, California are tragic evidence of the anti-Semitism and bigotry that exists in our country; and

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

**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 stands against anti-Semitism, 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 hereby adopts the Working Definition of Anti-Semitism, which reads in full: “Antisemitism is 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.”

**SECTION 4.** That the City Commission hereby adopts the following definition of bigotry: Obstinate or unreasonable attachment to a belief, opinion, or faction; in particular, prejudice against a person or people on the basis of their membership of a particular group.

**SECTION 5. 3.** That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS FOURTEENTH DAY OF MAY A.D., 2019.

(Moved: Keon / Seconded: Fors)

(Yeas: Lago, Mena, Fors, Keon, Valdes-Fauli)

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)

(Agenda Item F-2)

APPROVED:

RAUL VALDES-FAULI  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
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CITY CLERK

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CITY ATTORNEY