

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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BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

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