

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-225

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION
AMENDING RESOLUTION 2019-117 TO ADOPT
DEFINITIONS OF ANTI-SEMITISM AND BIGOTRY.**

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2019, the City Commission passed Resolution 2019-117, condemning Anti-Semitism, bigotry and discrimination against all minorities; and

WHEREAS, Jews continue to be a targeted minority in the United States and are consistently the most likely of all religious groups to be victimized by incidents of hate, and such incidents are increasing at an alarming rate; and

WHEREAS, state and local officials have a responsibility to protect citizens from acts of hate and bigotry, including Anti-Semitism, and must be given the tools to do so; and

WHEREAS, valid monitoring, informed analysis and investigation, and effective policy-making all benefit from accurate and uniform definitions; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to amend Resolution 2019-117, by adopting the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA), Working Definition of Antisemitism, which has become the internationally recognized, authoritative definition for use by governments and international organizations, such as the U.S. State Department and U.S. Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission also wishes to amend Resolution 2019-117 by adopting a definition of bigotry for purposes of this resolution and other similar legislation;

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 hereby amends Resolution 2019-117 by adopting and incorporating the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's Working Definition of Antisemitism, 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 3. That the City Commission hereby amends Resolution 2019-117, by adopting and incorporating 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 4. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF SEPTEMBER
A.D., 2020.

(Moved: Keon/ Seconded: Mena)

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

(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)

(Agenda Item: G-1)

APPROVED:

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RAUL VALDES-FAULI
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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BILLY Y. URQUIA
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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MIRIAM SOLER RAMOS
CITY ATTORNEY