

RESOLUTION NO. R2026-116

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH AFFIRMING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO COMBAT ANTISEMITISM AND ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE ALLIANCE (IHRA) WORKING DEFINITION OF ANTISEMITISM; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER ERRORS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, antisemitism, including harassment and discrimination based on actual or perceived Jewish identity, ancestry, ethnicity, or faith, remains a persistent and growing concern in communities across the United States; and

WHEREAS, according to the most recent Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Hate Crime Statistics Report, anti-Jewish hate crimes consistently represent the majority of religion-based hate crimes in the United States; and

WHEREAS, antisemitic incidents in the United States have reached historic levels in recent years, including threats and attacks directed at Jewish students, houses of worship, and community institutions; and

WHEREAS, antisemitism undermines public safety, destabilizes community cohesion, and erodes trust in civic institutions; and

WHEREAS, local governments have a responsibility to protect all residents from bias-motivated harassment, discrimination, and violence; and

WHEREAS, the safety and dignity of one community strengthens the safety and dignity of all communities, and combating antisemitism advances the City's broader commitment to equal protection and civil rights; and

WHEREAS, effective monitoring, investigation, and policymaking require clear, consistent, and widely accepted definitions; and

WHEREAS, in May 2016, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), by consensus of its member states, adopted the Working Definition of Antisemitism, including eleven contemporary examples, which has become the internationally recognized framework used by governments and institutions worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism provides practical guidance for identifying contemporary manifestations of antisemitism; and

WHEREAS, the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism has been adopted, endorsed and utilized by the United States Department of State, the United States Department of Education, numerous U.S. states, municipalities, and law enforcement agencies across the country for monitoring, training, legislative, and educational purposes; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism serves as an educational and analytical tool and does not infringe upon rights protected under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The foregoing whereas clauses are true and correct and adopted as the legislative and administrative findings of the City Commission and made a specific part of this Resolution; all exhibits attached hereto are made a specific part of this Resolution.

RESOLVED, the City of North Miami Beach unequivocally condemns antisemitism in all its forms and rejects the normalization of antisemitic rhetoric, stereotypes, harassment, discrimination, or violence; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the City of North Miami Beach hereby adopts the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism, including its eleven contemporary examples, as a non-binding educational and analytical framework to guide municipal training, policy development, and incident assessment with respect to antisemitism; and it is further

RESOLVED, that all relevant municipal departments, including law enforcement, human rights, and community relations offices, shall incorporate the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism into employee training, nondiscrimination policies, and procedures for responding to antisemitic incidents; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the City encourages accurate reporting of antisemitic incidents and directs relevant departments to ensure that data collection practices allow for proper identification of antisemitic bias consistent with the IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the City commits to continued engagement with Jewish community organizations, educational institutions, and interfaith partners to strengthen collaboration and proactive prevention efforts; and it is further

RESOLVED, that nothing in these resolutions shall be construed to diminish constitutionally protected speech or lawful expression; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the City Manager (or designated official) shall provide an implementation update to the Mayor and City Council within twelve (12) months outlining actions taken pursuant to these resolutions, including any training conducted, policy updates implemented, and improvements made to data collection practices.

Section 2. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 3. Any scrivener or typographical errors that do not affect intent may be corrected with notice to, and the authorization of the City Attorney and City Manager without further process.

Section 4. If any provision of this Resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Resolution that can be given affect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Commission of the City of North Miami Beach, Florida at this regular meeting assembled on this **27th day of August 2026**.

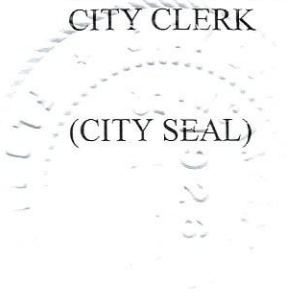
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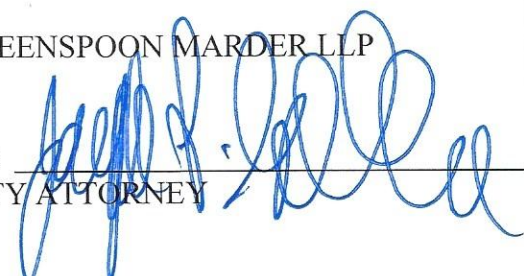
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MAYOR



(CITY SEAL)

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