RESOLUTION NO. 2015-R-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, APPLAUDING THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH FOR TAKING SWIFT ACTION IN BANNING THE USE OF MUG SHOTS FOR TARGET PRACTICE BY ITS POLICE DEPARTMENT AND ASSURING THE COMMUNITY THAT THE NORTH MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT ("NMPD") DOES NOT UTILIZE THIS PRACTICE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, in mid-January, it came to the attention of the elected officials and the general public that the North Miami Beach Police Department engages in the practice of using real mug shots for facial recognition exercises and target practice by their sniper team; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami Beach ("North Miami Beach") found this practice to be offensive and insensitive, and on January 20, 2015 passed Resolution number R2015-8 which institutes a permanent ban on this practice; and

WHEREAS, as a racially diverse community representing multiple cultures and ethnicities, the City of North Miami ("City") condemns any practice that would give an appearance of cultural insensitivity or racism; and

WHEREAS, in response to the action taken by North Miami Beach, the City conducted a review of their own police department to ensure that no similar practice is currently in place; and

WHEREAS, a review of the North Miami Police Department's ("NMPD") training methods confirmed that the NMPD does not utilize mug shots as part of their law enforcement training exercises and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City applauds the swift action taken by North Miami Beach in voicing their disapproval of the use of mug shots by their police department; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of North Miami can be assured that no similar practice is utilized by their police department; and

WHEREAS, the NMPD will continue to utilize community based policing and activities that foster community engagement and inclusivity.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. **Support of Action taken by City of North Miami Beach.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby support and applaud the action taken by the City of North Miami Beach in instituting a permanent ban on the use of mug shots by their police department.

Section 2. **Assurance to Residents of City of North Miami.** The residents of the City of North Miami can be assured that the North Miami Police Department does not engage in this practice.

Section 3. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 5-0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 10th day of February, 2015.

DR. SMITH JOSEPH
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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Seconded by: Steril

Vote:

Mayor Smith Joseph, DO	x (Yes)	_____ (No)
Vice Mayor Carol Keys, Esq.	x (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Scott Galvin	x (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Philippe Bien-Aime	x (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Marie Erlande Steril	x (Yes)	_____ (No)