DECLARATION AND FIRST AMENDMENT WAIVER
FOR CANDIDATES WHO AGREE TO COMPLY WITH
THE *VOLUNTARY* STATEMENT OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES

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As a candidate for public office in Miami-Dade County, I believe that political issues can be freely debated without appealing to racial, ethnic, religious, sexual, or other prejudices. I recognize that such negative appeals serve only to divide this community and create long-term moral, social, and economic problems. Therefore,

1. I shall not make my race, religion, national origin, gender, physical disability, or sexual orientation an issue in my campaign.
2. I shall not make my opponent's race, religion, national origin, gender, physical disability, or sexual orientation an issue in my campaign.
3. I will condemn any appeal to prejudice based on race, creed, national origin, religion, gender, physical disability, or sexual orientation.
4. I shall not, without just cause, attack or question my opponent's patriotism.
5. I shall not publish, display, or circulate any anonymous campaign literature or political advertisement.
6. I shall not tolerate my supporters engaging in these activities that I condemn, nor shall I accept their continued support if they engage in such activities. I will not permit any member of my campaign organization to engage in these activities and will immediately and publicly repudiate the support of any other individual or group that resorts to the methods and tactics I condemn.
7. I shall run a positive campaign emphasizing my qualifications for office and positions on issues of public concern.
8. I will limit my attacks on an opponent to legitimate challenges to that person's record, qualifications, and positions.
9. I will neither use nor permit the use of malicious untruths or innuendoes about an opponent's personal life, nor will I make or condone unfounded accusations discrediting that person's credibility.
10. I will take personal responsibility for approving or disavowing the substance of attacks on my opponent that may come from third parties supporting my candidacy.
11. I will not use or permit the use of campaign material that falsifies, distorts, or misrepresents facts.

BY SIGNING THIS DECLARATION AND FIRST AMENDMENT WAIVER, I AGREE TO

- **ABIDE BY THE *VOLUNTARY* STATEMENT OF FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES,**
- **SUBMIT TO THE COMPULSORY JURISDICTION OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION, AND**
- **WAIVE MY FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS.**

I, _____ , a candidate for the office of
please print your name

_____ in _____,
elective office sought — county, municipality, or other jurisdiction

agree to abide by the ***voluntary*** Statement of Fair Campaign Practices as provided in Section 2-11.1.1(D)(1) of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and to recognize as compulsory the jurisdiction of the Ethics Commission. I further agree that the Ethics Commission will have the authority to decide whether I have violated the ***voluntary*** Statement of Fair Campaign Practices and, if a violation is found, the Ethics Commission has the authority to impose the appropriate penalty, if any, which may include an admonition or public reprimand. I recognize that I have the right before signing this DECLARATION AND FIRST AMENDMENT WAIVER to consult my own legal counsel and to request and receive from the Ethics Commission an advisory opinion as to whether my planned campaign activities are likely to violate the ***voluntary*** Statement of Fair Campaign Practices. I also recognize that after signing this agreement, I will continue to have the right to request and receive from the Ethics Commission an advisory opinion regarding any future campaign activities that I may be considering. I hereby proclaim (1) that my agreement to abide by the Statement of Fair Campaign Practices is ***voluntary***, knowing, and intelligent; (2) that I have not been forced, pressured, or otherwise coerced into making this agreement; and (3) that I am aware of the ***voluntary*** nature of this agreement. I recognize that there is no penalty for refusing to agree to abide by the ***voluntary*** Statement of Fair Campaign Practices. I also recognize that in signing this agreement, I will be forfeiting rights to which I would otherwise be entitled under the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and Article I, Section 4, of the Constitution of the State of Florida. Once the DECLARATION AND FIRST AMENDMENT WAIVER is signed, it is deemed irrevocable for the duration of the campaign.

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Signature **Date**