

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-R-119

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, CONDEMNING THE ANTI-IMMIGRANT POLICIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL 1718; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL, AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2023, Florida House members passed Senate Bill 1718 (SB 1718), a cruel, dangerous, and overbroad anti-immigrant bill; and

WHEREAS, the legislation took effect on July 1, 2023, and targets immigrants in Florida and criminalizes people who travel across state lines with non-citizens, including some who are legally authorized to be in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the bill has a host of anti-immigrant policies that harm Florida immigrants and their families in every facet of their lives; and

WHEREAS, SB 1718 instills fear in immigrant Floridians seeking to access health care, expands E-Verify penalties on businesses and prohibits funding of community identification cards by local governments; and

WHEREAS, among the plan's most controversial and harmful policies is the criminalization of people, citizens, and non-citizens alike, who travel into the state with migrants and asylum seekers; and

WHEREAS, this type of policy encourages racial profiling and discrimination because it supports inquiries related to the nationality, citizenship, or immigration status of people they interact with in everyday life; and

WHEREAS, such suspicions are likely to be prompted by the way someone looks, their accent, where they or their family come from, or other racially or culturally motivated assumptions, and stereotypes; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the City of North Miami, to offer equal treatment to all persons regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or

expression, national origin, marital status, age, disability, status as a veteran, or ability to speak English; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami fully supports our country's rich heritage of welcoming immigrants and persons from around the world who came to America seeking a better life in pursuit of the American Dream and recognizes that public trust and confidence in local government and law enforcement policies are essential to a fair and effective government; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami is committed to supporting its diverse community and condemns systemic racial profiling, targeting, and discrimination in all forms; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council condemn the passage of Senate Bill 1718 as it establishes anti-immigrant policies and incentivizes racial profiling of a breadth of Floridians thereby creating a 'show me your papers' environment, and actively seeks to criminalize Floridians, hurts businesses and our economy, and undermines our public health system.

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

Section 1. Condemn Anti-Immigrant Policies. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby condemn the anti-immigrant policies associated with the passage of Senate Bill 1718.

Section 2. 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 11th day of July, 2023.



ALIX DESULME, Ed.D.
MAYOR

ATTEST:



VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM

AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN PIERRE FRANTZ CHARLES

Moved by: Desulme

Seconded by: Timothe

Vote:

Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Vice-Mayor Mary Estimé-Irvin

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilman Scott Galvin

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilwoman Kassandra Timothe, MPA

X (Yes) _____ (No)

Councilman Pierre Frantz Charles

X (Yes) _____ (No)