RESOLUTION NO. 2020-R-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI TO JOIN THE FLORIDA HATE CRIME COALITION (FHCC); PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), is a leading anti-hate organization, founded in 1913 due to an escalating climate of anti-Semitism and bigotry; and

WHEREAS, ADL is a global leader in exposing extremism and delivering anti-bias education, and is a leading organization in training law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, ADL’s ultimate goal is a world in which no group or individual suffers from bias, discrimination, or hate; and

WHEREAS, in 1981 ADL drafted a model hate crime bill on which the majority of the 45 States and District of Columbia hate crime laws are based; and

WHEREAS, ADL led the national coalition that secured the passage of the 2009 Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Federal Hate Crime Protection Act; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Hate Crime Coalition (FHCC) was established in 2016 by the ADL to advocate for an expanded, comprehensive hate crimes law in Florida; and

WHEREAS, over 275 organizations, elected officials, and law enforcement leaders are members of the FHCC, which has a mission to secure amendments to the Florida hate crime law that would protect all Floridians; and

WHEREAS, the residents, business, and government of the City of North Miami believe that diversity within our community is a source of strength and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami chooses to be a leader in promoting tolerance, inclusion, human rights, social justice, and public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami stands together in opposing manifestations of hate, acts of intolerance, and reaffirms its values of inclusion, respect, and justice; and
WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami believes that joining the FHCC would be in the best interests of the residents and businesses of the City of North Miami.

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

Section 1. Recommendation. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida further direct the City of North Miami to take action to join the FHCC.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 4-0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 10th day of March, 2020.

PHILIPPE BIEN-AIME
MAYOR

ATTEST:

VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

JEFF P. H. CAZEAU, ESQ.
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN GALVIN

Moved by: Keys
Seconded by: Bien-Aime

Vote:

Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime                X  (Yes)  (No)
Vice Mayor Alix Desulme, Ed.D.            (Yes)  (No) Absent from Dais
Councilman Scott Galvin                X  (Yes)  (No)
Councilwoman Carol Keys, Esq.               X  (Yes)  (No)
Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin                X  (Yes)  (No)