

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, CONDEMNING THE ANTI-SEMITIC SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS MADE BY THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ("SGA") SENATE PRESIDENT, AND REQUESTING THAT FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT REMOVE THE INDIVIDUAL FROM THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SGA) SENATE; AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE OFFICIAL NAMED HEREIN.

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach, its Mayor, and City Commission find that anti-Semitism and religious bias have no place in our city, and we are committed to working actively against all forms of discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the City actively promotes the acceptance of every race, ethnicity, and religion; and

WHEREAS, in a commitment to safeguard the health and safety of its citizens, the City asserts that everyone should be safe and not fear harm where they live, work, and play; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to safeguarding our community against the dangers of anti-Semitism, and to ensuring that the Constitutional rights of every person who lives, works, and visits our great City are protected.

WHEREAS, the City became aware of social media posts made by the Florida State University Student Government Association ("SGA") Senate President which falsely compared Israel to Nazi Germany, and included the statement "stupid jew thinks he is cool," in reference to a staged photograph of an Israeli soldier with his foot on a Palestinian child as well as an Instagram post in which he wrote "f*** Israel;" posts he defended in a video circulated to the FSU student body on June 9th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City denounces the anti-Semitic social media posts made by the Florida State University SGA Senate President; and

WHEREAS, the City encourages citizens to stand up against anti-Semitism in all its forms, and to speak out against anti-Semitism through peaceful speech and action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby condemn the anti-Semitic social media posts made by the Florida State University Student Government Association ("SGA") Senate President and request that Florida State University President remove the individual from the Florida State University Student Government Association Senate; and direct the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the officials named herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day September 2020.

Dan Gelber, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner Micky Steinberg)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

R. Gelber
City Attorney

9/8/20
Date