

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DECLARING MAY 22, 2021 AS "HARVEY MILK DAY" IN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH.**

**WHEREAS**, Harvey Milk Day is organized by the Harvey Milk Foundation and celebrated each year on May 22 in memory of Harvey Milk, a gay rights activist assassinated in 1978; and

**WHEREAS**, Harvey Milk Day came about as a day to remember and teach about Milk's life and his work to stop the discrimination against the LGBTQ community; and

**WHEREAS**, Harvey Milk was a prominent gay activist in 1970's and ran for office as an openly gay man three times before becoming the first openly gay person elected into California public office, where he acted as a city supervisor; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Milk's unprecedented loud and unapologetic proclamation of his authenticity as an openly gay public official gave hope to LGBTQ people everywhere at that time; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Milk was not only an advocate for the LGBT community, but for all minorities – he believed in safe, strong neighborhoods and supported public education, affordable childcare, and equal rights for all; and

**WHEREAS**, during the last year of his life, Mr. Milk successfully fought against a homophobic legislation mandating the firing of any California teacher who was gay or was in support of gay rights, which was spearheaded by California State Senator John Briggs and Anita Bryant, an anti-gay rights activist infamous for efforts to repeal a Miami-Dade County ordinance banning discrimination based on sexual orientation; and

**WHEREAS**, while his life was tragically cut short, Milk's legacy has continued to shine bright and leave a long-lasting impact on the development of gay rights in the U.S.

**WHEREAS**, Harvey Milk's contributions to the cause of equality for all people has been recognized in a number of ways, including the issuance of a stamp with his picture on it, the posthumous awarding of the Medal of Freedom, and the creation of a holiday in his memory; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA** that the Mayor and the City hereby declare May 22, 2021 as "Harvey Milk Day" in the City of Miami Beach.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

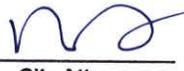
**ATTEST:**

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Dan Gelber, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

(Sponsored by Commissioner David Richardson)

  
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City Attorney *KA*

5-4-21  
Date