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COMMISSIONER

Informational Item

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Miami Beach City Commission

Date: July 12, 2022

From: Alex J. Fernandez, Commissioner

Subject: SHABBAT START AND END TIME

According to the Greater Miami Jewish Federation, more than 123,000 Jews live in Miami-Dade County making Greater Miami the eleventh largest Jewish community in the United States. Specifically, the City of Miami Beach is proud to be home to a vibrant and active Jewish community that is important to the fabric of our diversity.

Recognizing the importance of our sizable Jewish community, our city staff makes deliberate efforts to ensure that city sponsored meetings and events take place on days and times when a majority of our residents can attend. To support and encourage this, I have worked with City Manager Alina T. Hudak and Melissa Berthier, Director of Communication, to ensure that all City of Miami Beach employees have access to the Shabbat start and end time. The new feature on the City's Intranet links employees to hours that are updated on a weekly basis.

It is an honor to represent such a diverse community and it is my hope that providing this informational material on Shabbat times will help us a city organization continue being mindful to program activities at times that are most welcoming for everyone's participation.

Thank you.

C: Alina T. Hudak, City Manager
Rafael Paz, City Attorney
Rafael Granado, City Clerk