

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, CONDEMNING AIRBNB INC.'S DECISION TO REMOVE LISTINGS OF RENTALS IN ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN THE WEST BANK; AND, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE OFFICIALS DESIGNATED HEREIN.

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach ("City") is a leader amongst local governments in fostering equality for all and in condemning discrimination and anti-Semitism, as most recently evidenced in City Resolution No. 2017-30108, which established protocols for the City's Police Department for investigations surrounding potential anti-Semitic motivations for criminal offenses; and

WHEREAS, the City shares democratic values, common strategic interests, and bonds of friendship and mutual respect with Israel, which is our friend and ally; and

WHEREAS, Airbnb, Inc. ("Airbnb") is a privately held global company headquartered in San Francisco, California that operates an online marketplace and hospitality service, which is accessible via its websites and mobile applications and through which its members can arrange or offer lodging and tourism experiences; and

WHEREAS, Airbnb recently decided to remove all listings of rentals in Israeli settlements in the area historically known as Judea and Samaria, now more commonly referred to as the "West Bank," while continuing to allow non-Israeli listings in the West Bank; and

WHEREAS, Airbnb's aforesaid actions are antithetical to the non-discriminatory values and policies that are important to the City; and

WHEREAS, all businesses that operate in the City should conduct their business in a way that does not discriminate against anyone, for any reason, including but not limited to their nationality or religion; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission expresses its strong support and steadfast commitment to the security, welfare, and survival of the sovereign State of Israel and urges Airbnb to reconsider its decision to de-list only Israeli-owned properties in the West Bank; and

WHEREAS, Resolutions condemning the discriminatory actions of Airbnb in Israel have been adopted by the City of Miami, the Village of Bal Harbour, and the Town of Surfside and the City of Miami Beach desires to join these local governments in condemning the discriminatory practices of Airbnb; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution should be transmitted by the City Clerk to the President of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, the Board of County Commissioners for Miami-Dade County, and the Mayors of all municipalities in Miami-Dade County.

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 Airbnb Inc.'s decision to remove listings of rentals in Israeli settlements in the West Bank; and, direct the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the officials designated herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of January, 2019.

ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Micky Steinberg)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney

1/18/19
Date