

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

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF  
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, OPPOSING ANY RELIGIOUS-BASED OR  
NATIONALITY-BASED REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ENTERING THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

**WHEREAS**, President-Elect Donald Trump has expressed that he is in favor of the strict immigration screening of Muslims; and

**WHEREAS**, some supporters of President-Elect Donald Trump are calling for the registration of all Muslims entering the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, Donald Trump supporter, Carl Higbie, defended the proposed registry of immigrants from Muslim countries by citing the WWII internment of over 110,000 Japanese-Americans as legal precedent; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1943, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt stated, "Americanism is a matter of the mind and heart; Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry"; and

**WHEREAS**, President Roosevelt's statement was in response to the patriotism of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team which grew to approximately 14,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry, and which became the most decorated military unit for its size and length of service in the history of American warfare. The "Go For Broke" 442nd Regimental Combat Team and its 100th Infantry Battalion (the "One Puka Puka") accumulated the following reported achievements: 8 Major Campaigns in Europe, 8 Presidential Unit Citations, 9,486 Casualties (Purple Hearts), 18,143 individual decorations including: 21 Congressional Medals of Honor, 52 Distinguished Service Crosses, 1 Distinguished Presidential Unit Citation, 1 Distinguished Service Medal, 560 Silver Stars, and 28 with Oak Leaf Clusters (in lieu of a second), 22 Legion of Merit Medals, 4,000 Bronze Stars and 1,200 with Oak Leaf Clusters (in lieu of a second), 12 French Croix de Guerre with 2 Palms (representing second awards), 15 Soldiers' Medals, 2 Italian Crosses for Military Merit, and 2 Italian Medals for Military Valor; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed into law the Civil Liberties Act, which apologized for the internment on behalf of the United States Government and stated that government actions were based on "race prejudice, war hysteria and a failure of political leadership." The United States Government eventually disbursed approximately 1.6 billion dollars in reparations to 82,219 formerly interned Japanese Americans and their heirs; and

**WHEREAS**, the following entry was reported to have been found in the personal diary of King Christian X of Denmark following World War II:

When you look at the inhumane treatment of Jews, not only in Germany but occupied countries as well, you start worrying that such a demand might also be put on us, but we must clearly refuse such this due to their protection under the Danish constitution. I stated that I could not meet such a demand towards Danish

citizens. If such a demand is made, we would best meet it by all wearing the Star of David; and

**WHEREAS**, after a successful nationwide collective resistance of Danish citizens, clergy, and governmental officials to save Danish Jews from planned Nazi deportation, an excerpt from the Danish King's diary and a Swedish cartoon are purported to have given rise to the myth that the Danish King said that all Danish citizens would wear the yellow star if the Nazis required Danish Jews to wear it. A Swedish cartoon of that era depicted Denmark's former prime minister asking Danish King Christian X what he would do if the present Nazi-approved prime minister made all the Jews wear yellow stars, and in the cartoon the King responds, "We will all have to wear yellow stars"; and

**WHEREAS**, American history is replete with examples of members of one ethnic group fighting for the liberties of other ethnic groups, such as: the Quaker opposition to the Mexican-American War, Quaker participation in the Underground Railroad, American Catholic and Jewish participation in struggles during the Civil Rights Era, and most recently the host of "The Daily Show," Trevor Noah, has suggested that all Americans should sign up on any registry required of Muslims.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The Mayor and Commission of the City of Miami Beach hereby oppose any religious-based or nationality-based registration of persons entering the United States, and urge all Americans to sign up on any registry required of persons based on religious affiliation or nationality, should such registration be required.

**Section 2.** The City Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to all elected officials throughout Florida.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of January, 2017.

**ATTEST:**

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Philip Levine, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

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City Attorney

1/6/17  
Date