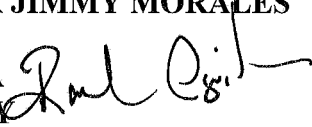


# MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

**TO: MAYOR PHILIP LEVINE  
MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
CITY MANAGER JIMMY MORALES**

**FROM: RAUL J. AGUILA**   
**CITY ATTORNEY**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 8, 2017**

**SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE  
CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING AN OATH OF  
CIVILITY FOR CITY APPOINTED AND ELECTED OFFICIALS**

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The Miami-Dade County Ethics Commission recently adopted a Resolution requesting that municipalities consider expanding upon the oath of office administered to City elected and appointed officials by including therein an "Oath of Civility", reading as follows:

**"To my colleagues and to all of those I represent and serve, I pledge fairness,  
integrity and civility, in all actions taken and all communications made by me  
as a public servant"**

Mayor Philip Levine has reviewed this issue and has requested introduction of the attached City of Miami Beach Resolution, believing adoption of such Oath to be consistent with prior legislative actions taken by the City Commission. This Oath is not meant to be exhaustive, but instead to set a tone or guide for conduct not specifically covered by the ethics laws applicable to City officials, with the intended underlying principles being good-faith, as well as civil and respectful communication by, between and among the City's officials and the public.

Should the City Commission adopt the attached proposed City Resolution, all elected and appointed officials of the City shall be required to take this "Oath of Civility" prior to assumption of duties (in addition to the presently-imposed statutory oath of office).