

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**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**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Miami Beach are committed to the principles of civility, honor and dignity in conducting City business, and in maintaining such civility in public and political discourse during meetings of the City Commission and City boards and committees;

WHEREAS, the City Commission's commitment to civility is prefaced upon its belief that uncivil conduct not only compromises the integrity of the governmental process, but also undermines a City official's ability to objectively represent his or her constituents;

WHEREAS, pursuant to its January 11, 2017 Resolution, the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust has requested that municipalities in Miami-Dade County add the following "Oath of Civility" to the oaths of office administered to elected and appointed City officials:

**"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";**

WHEREAS, finding the Ethics Commission's request to be consistent with the City Commission's above-referenced allegiance to civility and good government, the Mayor and City Commission hereby adopt the subject "Oath of Civility", and thus issue its precept requiring hereafter all elected and appointed officials of the City of Miami Beach to take such oath upon their assumption of duties.

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

Section 1. In addition to the statutory oath of office currently required of City officials, all elected and appointed officials of the City of Miami Beach shall hereafter be required to take the following "Oath of Civility":

**"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";**

Section 2. Upon execution, said oath shall be filed as a public record in the City Clerk's Office.

Section 3. The City Clerk and/or City board/committee staff shall present this Oath to incumbent (as of the date of this Resolution's adoption) City officials for their affirmation. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2017.

ATTEST:

PHILIP LEVINE
MAYOR

RAFAEL E. GRANADO
CITY CLERK

(Sponsored by Mayor Philip Levine)
(Co-Sponsored by City Commissioner John Aleman.)

**APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION**

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City Attorney Date