

WHEREAS, the campaign claims to be driven by a principled concern for Palestinian human rights, but the idealistic message is arguably a smokescreen for a nationalist agenda to abolish the State of Israel; and

WHEREAS, some supporters of BDS may genuinely believe that these efforts will encourage Israel to change policies with which they disagree. However, the predominant drive of the BDS campaign and its leadership is not criticism of policies, but the demonization and delegitimization of Israel; and

WHEREAS, BDS campaigns promote a biased and simplistic approach to the complex conflict, and present this dispute over territorial and nationalist claims as the fault of only one party – Israel; and

WHEREAS, the BDS campaign does not support Israeli-Palestinian peace efforts, and rejects a two-state solution to the conflict. If successful, BDS would almost certainly produce the expulsion of most Israeli Jews from their homeland and/or genocide of Jews in Israel as demonstrated by many BDS supporters who chant “from the river to the sea,” - a chant often used to call for the annihilation and obliteration of the Jewish people; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the diaspora of 850,000 Jews expelled from Muslim countries during the past six-decades; and

WHEREAS, many of the founding goals of the BDS movement, including denying the Jewish people the universal right of self-determination – along with many of the strategies employed in BDS campaigns are anti-Semitic. Many individuals involved in BDS campaigns are driven by opposition to Israel's very existence as a Jewish state; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hallandale Beach supports a two-state solution wherein Israelis and Palestinians live side-by-side peacefully; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission wish to denounce the “Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions” (BDS) movement as an anti-Semitic attempt to delegitimize Israel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. Recitals Adopted. That each of the above recitals are hereby adopted, confirmed, and incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. The Mayor and City Commission hereby denounce the “Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions” (BDS) movement as an anti-Semitic attempt to delegitimize Israel.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of February, 2019.

JOY D. ADAMS
MAYOR

SPONSORED BY: COMMISSIONER ANABELLE LIMA-TAUB

ATTEST:

JENORGEN GUILLEN, CMC
CITY CLERK

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FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION

Mayor Adams	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Javellana	<u>No</u>
Commissioner Butler	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Lazarow	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Lima- Taub	<u>Yes</u>

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