1	RESOLUTION NO. 2019-012
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, DENOUNCING THE BOYCOTT DIVESTMENT AND SANCTIONS MOVEMENT (BDS) AS AN ANTI-SEMITIC ATTEMPT TO DELEGITIMIZE ISRAEL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
9 10 11	WHEREAS, the City of Hallandale Beach seeks to promote an inclusive
12	environment; and
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14	WHEREAS, strong relations between the United States and Israel have led to
15	bilateral cooperation in many areas; and
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17	WHEREAS, Israeli scientists and researchers, working locally or overseas, have
18	made significant inventions and discoveries in fields such as medicine, chemistry, physics,
19	optics, agricultural, economics, bio technical, and the list goes on. For example, the
20	invention of ReWalk, a bionic walking assistance system that enables paraplegics to stand
21	upright, walk and climb stairs, and the development of a robotic guidance system for spine
22	surgery by Mazor Robotics, among the over 6,000 startups in currently in Israel; and
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24	WHEREAS, the "boycott, divestment and sanctions" (BDS) movement seeks the
25	"divestment" of university, municipal, church, union and other investment portfolios from
26	companies that advocates claim "aid Israel's occupation", as well as the "boycott" of Israeli
27	products, professionals, professional associations and academic institutions, and artistic
28	performances (in Israel and abroad); and
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30	WHEREAS, the BDS movement mirrors anti-Jewish/anti-Semitic tactics used by
31	the Nazi regime. When the Nazis came to power, the lives of German Jews changed
32	drastically. On April 1, 1933, the Nazis carried out the first nationwide, planned action
33	against them: a boycott of Jewish businesses. Nazi spokesmen claimed the boycott was
34	an act of revenge against both German Jews and foreigners, including US and English
35	journalists; and

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37	WHEREAS, the campaign claims to be driven by a principled concern for
38	Palestinian human rights, but the idealistic message is arguably a smokescreen for a
39	nationalist agenda to abolish the State of Israel; and
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41	WHEREAS, some supporters of BDS may genuinely believe that these efforts will
42	encourage Israel to change policies with which they disagree. However, the predominant
43	drive of the BDS campaign and its leadership is not criticism of policies, but the
44	demonization and delegitimization of Israel; and
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46	WHEREAS, BDS campaigns promote a biased and simplistic approach to the
47	complex conflict, and present this dispute over territorial and nationalist claims as the fault
48	of only one party – Israel; and
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50	WHEREAS, the BDS campaign does not support Israeli-Palestinian peace efforts,
51	and rejects a two-state solution to the conflict. If successful, BDS would almost certainly
52	produce the expulsion of most Israeli Jews from their homeland and/or genocide of Jews
53	in Israel as demonstrated by many BDS supporters who chant "from the river to the sea,"
54	- a chant often used to call for the annihilation and obliteration of the Jewish people; and
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56	WHEREAS, the City recognizes the diaspora of 850,000 Jews expelled from
57	Muslim countries during the past six-decades; and
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59	WHEREAS, many of the founding goals of the BDS movement, including denying
60	the Jewish people the universal right of self-determination - along with many of the
61	strategies employed in BDS campaigns are anti-Semitic. Many individuals involved in BDS
62	campaigns are driven by opposition to Israel's very existence as a Jewish state; and
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64	WHEREAS, the City of Hallandale Beach supports a two-state solution wherein
65	Israelis and Palestinians live side-by-side peacefully; and
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67	WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission wish to denounce the "Boycott,
68	Divestment, and Sanctions" (BDS) movement as an anti-Semitic attempt to delegitimize
69	Israel.

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71	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY
72	COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA:
73 74	SECTION 1. Recitals Adopted. That each of the above recitals are hereby
75	adopted, confirmed, and incorporated herein.
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77	SECTION 2. The Mayor and City Commission hereby denounce the "Boycott,
78	Divestment, and Sanctions" (BDS) movement as an anti-Semitic attempt to delegitimize
79	Israel.
80	SECTION 3 . This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.
81 82 83 84 85 86	APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 6 th day of February, 2019.
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115	APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY AND
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120	JENNIFER MERINO
121	CITY ATTORNEY
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FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION

Mayor Adams	Yes
Vice Mayor Javellana	No
Commissioner Butler	Yes
Commissioner Lazarow	Yes
Commissioner Lima- Taub	Yes

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