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RESOLUTION NO. 2019-013

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA,
SUPPORTING FLORIDA HOUSE BILL 741, TREATING
ANTI-SEMITISM AS A HATE CRIME IN THE SAME
MANNER AS RACISM; DIRECTING THE CLERK TO
PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE
APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, HB 741, filed by Republican state Rep. Randy Fine, would require Florida schools and law enforcement to treat anti-Semitism in an identical fashion to racism; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hallandale Beach is home to a large Jewish population and promotes equality and human rights; and

WHEREAS, under HB 741, law enforcement would be required to determine whether anti-Semitism was a motivation in criminal investigations. If anti-Semitism was a factor, the violation would be treated as a hate crime in the same manner as racially motivated crimes; and

WHEREAS, discrimination based on religion would also be banned in Florida schools, joining race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, disability and marital status; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 the City passed Ordinance No. 2016-12 which prohibited the City from procuring goods or services from, or otherwise contracting with a business which engages in the boycott of a person or entity based on race, color, religion, gender, national origin or any other legally protected class; and

WHEREAS, In February 2018, the City of Hallandale Beach adopted a policy similar to that proposed in HB 741, codified as Sec. 9-23, "Consideration of anti-Semitism in enforcing laws;" and

WHEREAS, the definition of Anti-Semitism utilized in HB 741 is similar to that proposed by the United States Department of State's Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism as published in June 8, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission support HB 741.

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

SECTION 1. Each of the above recitals are hereby incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. The Mayor and City Commission hereby support HB 741.

SECTION 3. The City Commission hereby directs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to all appropriate entities.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of February 2019.

JOY D. ADAMS
MAYOR

SPONSORED BY: COMMISSIONER MICHELE LAZAROW

ATTEST:

JENORGEN GUILLEN, CMC
CITY CLERK

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FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION

Mayor Adams	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Javellana	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Butler	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Lazarow	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Lima- Taub	<u>Yes</u>

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