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RESOLUTION NO. 2019- 033

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING
POLICIES FOR ADA COMPLIANCE ON THE CITY'S DIGITAL
CONTENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, access to civic life by people with disabilities is a fundamental goal of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and

WHEREAS, the City of Hallandale Beach is fully committed to providing equitable access to the City's programs and services, including digital content posted on the City's websites and social media communications. and

WHEREAS, governmental entities must ensure effective communication -- including the provision of necessary auxiliary aids and services -- so that individuals with disabilities can participate in civic life; and

WHEREAS, City governments are not required to take any actions that will result in a fundamental alteration or in undue financial and administrative burdens. 28 C.F.R. §§ 35.160-35.164; and

WHEREAS, in early 2017, the City of Hallandale Beach commenced providing closed captioning for official government meetings streamed online; and

WHEREAS, the City has designated an ADA Coordinator for records and communication purposes to individuals requiring accommodation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hallandale Beach, in accordance with the ADA and Florida law, will provide reasonable accommodations to any person with a disability who needs an accommodation in order to attend any City public hearing or meeting of a body, board, or magistrate acting in its official capacity on behalf of the City with 48 hours notice in advance of the scheduled public hearing or meeting; and

WHEREAS, the City has revised and expanded ADA disclosures and notifications of accommodations on the City's websites; and

WHEREAS, the City sought to provide public access to archived videos of governmental meetings, but has determined that closed captioning years of meetings is cost-prohibitive. Therefore, the City has determined that all uncaptioned videos of meetings and other marketing videos will be removed from City websites, but can be provided with accommodation upon request; and

WHEREAS, staff has received training for making web content more accessible to accommodation software for the visually impaired and is in the process of implementing new software to expand accessibility to readers and other accommodations; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission of the City of Hallandale Beach hereby establish a policy of ADA accessibility for the City's websites and digital communications to certify current and continued compliance with ADA accessibility.

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

SECTION 1. The foregoing “Whereas” clauses verified as true and correct and are incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. The Mayor and City Commission hereby require the City Administration to maintain policies and practices to ensure the current and continued compliance of the City's digital content with ADA requirements and to maximize the accessibility of civic content for all users. City administration is directed to continually update and maintain the City's website to ensure that it remains fully accessible.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED on 17th day of April, 2019.

JOY D. ADAMS
MAYOR

SPONSORED BY: CITY COMMISSION

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84 APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

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89 JENNIFER MERINO

90 CITY ATTORNEY

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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