

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-R-12**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, CONDEMNING HATE AND EXTREMISM; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Miami (“CONM”) is committed to defending democratic institutions, the integrity of our elections, and the security of people and facilities that carry out the democratic process; and

**WHEREAS**, the CONM is committed to ending the spread of hate, bigotry, and harassment based on race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, sex, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, or any other protected characteristic as defined by law; and

**WHEREAS**, wishes to affirm its commitment to the well-being and safety of all of its community members and to ensure that they will be protected and their rights respected; and

**WHEREAS**, the CONM wishes to affirm its commitment to cultivating an inclusive community, including within its operations and institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, the diversity of our community is beneficial to all within it, making us stronger and more resilient; and

**WHEREAS**, each of our elected leaders has the ability and obligation to promote inclusiveness; celebrate diversity; work to ensure equitable opportunities in all major facets of society; prevent the spread of misinformation and disinformation; and reject hate and bias in all forms and should set a positive example for their constituents in this regard; and

**WHEREAS**, the January 6, 2021 domestic terrorism incident at our nation’s Capital does not reflect the values of our city; and

**WHEREAS**, the Anti-Defamation League’s (“ADL”) report on Murder and Extremism in the United States in 2019 found that domestic extremists killed at least 42 people in the United States in 17 separate incidents in 2019, making 2019 the sixth deadliest year on record for domestic extremist-related killings since 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, the ADL report also found that the extremist-related murders of 2019 were overwhelmingly (90%) linked to right-wing extremists, with all but one of the incidents tied to right-wing extremism, and 81% of extremist-related murders in 2019 committed by white supremacists specifically; and

**WHEREAS**, disinformation, misinformation, and online conspiracy theories such as QAnon are spreading and inspiring real-world violence; and

**WHEREAS**, the CONM supports the peaceful exercise of free speech, free assembly, and freedom to worship safely for all people; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council urges the residents to join us by adopting these values in their own lives, calling attention to these harms, and denouncing hate and extremism to help keep us all safe.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1.** **Affirmation.** The Mayor and City Council hereby affirms its ongoing commitment to cultivating an inclusive, safe and just society and culture that values the diversity of our community, works to ensure equitable opportunities in all major facets of society, and celebrates both our individuality and commonality.

**Section 2.** **Denounce.** The Mayor and City Council hereby denounce anti-government extremism, white supremacy, misogyny, Islamophobia, anti-LGBTQ+ hate, ableism, and all hateful speech and bias-motivated violent actions in our community; extremist conspiracy theories; attempts to exploit governmental procedure and basic government functions for personal political gain; commits to countering hate and extremism through engagement with community leaders, governmental transparency and public information-sharing regarding efforts to fight extremism, and the investigation and prosecution of those who commit criminal acts, consistent with civil liberties protections.

**Section 3.** **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be affective upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by a 4-1 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 26th day of January, 2021.

  
PHILIPPE BIEN-AIME  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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VANESSA JOSEPH, ESQ.  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

  
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JEFF H. CAZEAU, ESQ.  
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILWOMAN MARY ESTIME-IRVIN

Moved by: Desulme

Seconded by: Bien-Aime

**Vote:**

Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime	<u> X </u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Vice Mayor Scott Galvin	<u> </u>	(Yes)	<u> X </u>	(No)
Councilwoman Carol Keys, Esq.	<u> X </u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Councilwoman Mary Estimé-Irvin	<u> X </u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)
Councilman Alix Desulme, Ed.D.	<u> X </u>	(Yes)	<u> </u>	(No)