

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC. RE-EMPHASIZING OUR COMMITMENT TO MAINTAIN CIVILITY IN THE CONDUCT OF THE PUBLIC'S BUSINESS.

WHEREAS, our city officials are the elected leaders closest to the people; and

WHEREAS, our elected city officials are thus in a unique position to have a positive impact on behavior, both individually and collectively and to lead by example; and

WHEREAS, we hereby find public and political discourse often results in a confrontational atmosphere that often prevents the development of solid solutions to the problems facing our communities; and

WHEREAS, we further find only civil and honest public discourse can help us face up to the challenges facing our communities; and

WHEREAS, we therefore hereby recommit ourselves to building an atmosphere in which each person's opinion is respected and public and political discourse are aimed at confronting the problems facing our community and not at those with whom we disagree.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc.

Section 1. We hereby recommit ourselves to maintaining civility in our public and political discourse and we hereby pledge our commitment to the following principals:


- We will respect the right of all citizens in our community to hold different opinions;
- We will avoid rhetoric intended to humiliate, illegitimize or question the wisdom of those whose opinions are different from ours;

- We will strive to understand differing perspectives;
- We will choose our words carefully;
- We will speak truthfully without accusation and we will avoid distortion; and
- We will speak out against violence, prejudice and incivility in all of their forms, whenever and wherever they occur.

Section 2. We hereby further pledge to exhibit and encourage the kinds of personal qualities that are emblematic of predominate our communities and society in general, gratitude, humility, openness, passion for service to others, propriety, kindness, honesty, caring, faith, sense of duty, and a commitment to doing what is right.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc. at regular meeting assembled this 14th day of April, 2011.

ATTEST:

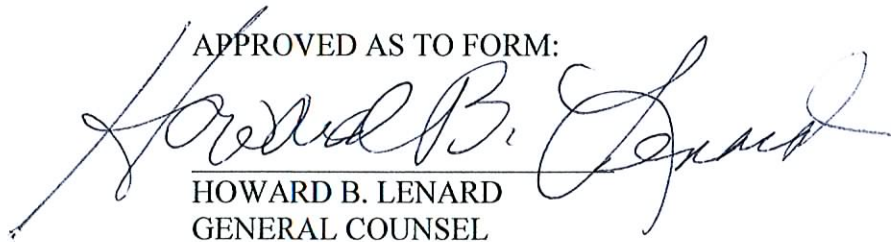


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