



*Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc.*

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

**May 1, 2014**



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# Board of Director's Meeting

May 1, 2014

**Town of Medley Municipal Services Facility**

**6:00 p.m. Reception - 7:00 p.m. Dinner Meeting**

# Waste Management

WELCOMING REMARKS:

*President Cindy Lerner,  
Mayor, Village of Pinecrest*

1. INVOCATION:

*Mayor Roberto Martell,  
Town of Medley*

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

*Mayor Roberto Martell, Town Council and Chief of Police  
Town of Medley*

3. MINUTES: March 6, 2014

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Monthly Disbursement

5. HOST CITY PRESENTATION

*Mayor Roberto Martell,  
Town of Medley*

6. MDCLC 60<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL INSTALLATION GALA:

A. INSTALLATION OF BOARD MEMBERS:

- Commissioner Vince Lago, City of Coral Gables
- Councilman Elvis Maldonado, City of Homestead
- Vice Mayor R.S. Shiver, City of Florida City
- Commissioner Wifredo “Willy” Gort, City of Miami
- Mayor Xavier Garcia, City of Miami Springs
- Commissioner Barry Cohen, Town of Surfside

B. PRESENTATION SPONSORSHIP AWARDS:

- Bronze Sponsor – Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau

*Mr. Alvin West,  
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- Bronze Sponsor – Waste Management

*Mr. Jason Neal,  
Government Affairs Director,  
Waste Management*

*Mr. Alex Gonzalez,  
Government Affairs Director,  
Waste Management*

7. WASTE MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION:

*Mr. Jason Neal,  
Government Affairs Director,  
Waste Management*

8. ANNEXATION/INCORPORATION REPORT:

*President Cindy Lerner,  
Mayor, Village of Pinecrest*

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

*Richard Kuper, Esq.*

10. SEA LEVEL RISE AND CLIMATE CHANGE REPORT:

*President Cindy Lerner,  
Mayor, Village of Pinecrest*

11. MDCLC SCHOLARSHIP INTERN PRESENTATION:

*Jeffrey Romeu,  
Student, Miami Dade College*

12. MDCLC RESOLUTION 2014-1:

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13. MDCLC RESOLUTION 2014-2:

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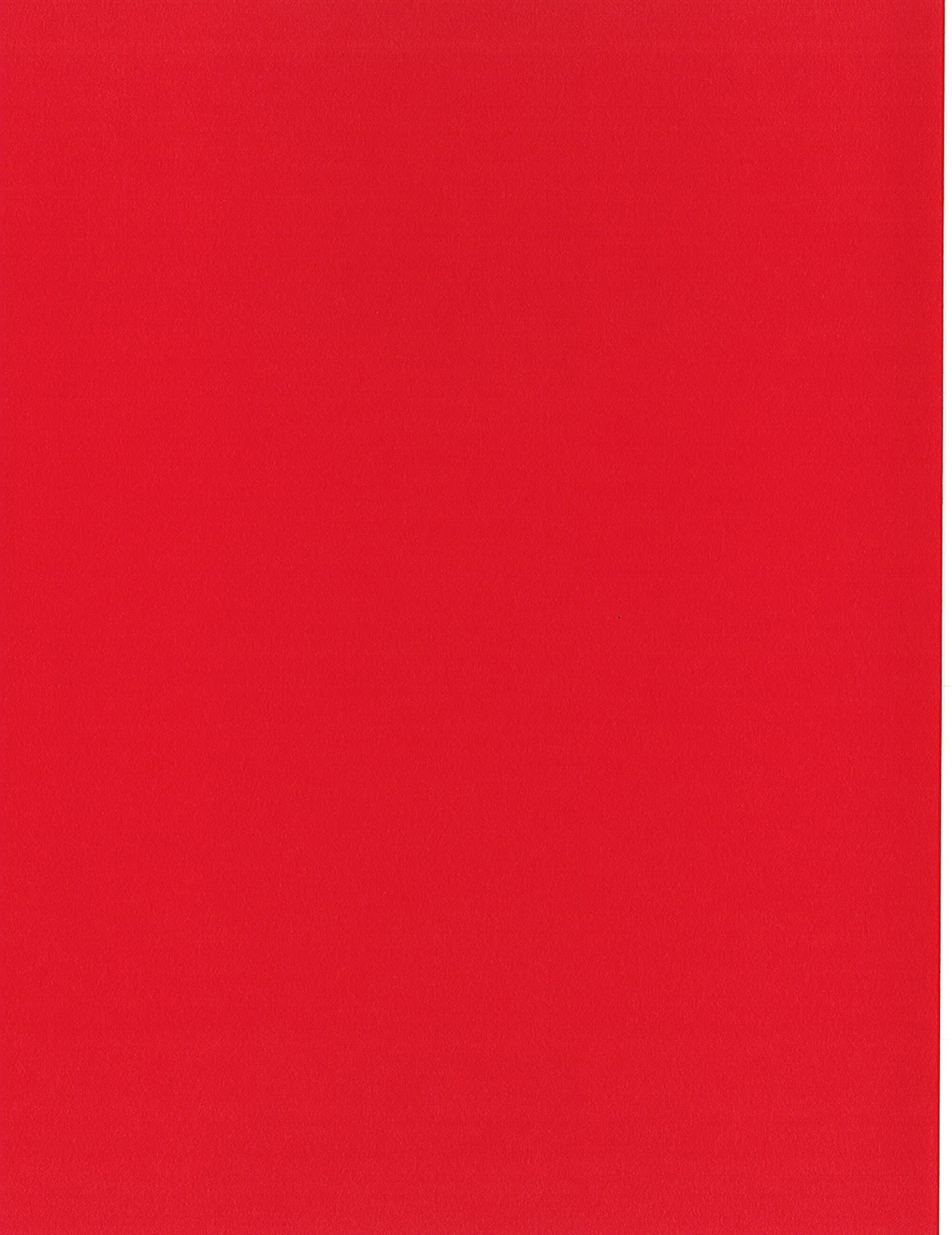
14. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES:

- A. Town of Cutler Bay  
Re: supporting efforts of firearms' retailers to reduce gun violence and illegal trafficking in firearms through industry sales and marketing best practices
- B. City of South Miami  
Re: seeking the repeal of the Stand-Your-Ground laws and to encourage other municipalities to join the City of South Miami in its efforts to repeal the Stand-Your-Ground laws
- C. Town of Miami Lakes  
Re: supporting Florida House Bill 153 and Florida Senate Bill 224, amending Florida Statutes to extend the current prohibitions relating to tobacco products for persons under the age of 18
- D. Town of Miami Lakes  
Re: supporting Florida House Bill 169, relating to tobacco and nicotine product regulation, including creating section 569.24, Florida Statutes to expressly preempt to the State the regulation of the sale of tobacco products

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Political Campaign Ethics Conference: *May 16, 2014***  
Location: St. Thomas University School of Law  
16401 NW 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Miami Gardens, FL 33054
  
- **Board of Directors Meeting: *June 5, 2014***  
Location: T.B.A
  
- **No Meeting in July: *Happy Independence Day***

16. ADJOURNMENT





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Minutes

March 6, 2014

94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron Restaurant

President, **Cindy Lerner**, Mayor, Village of Pinecrest, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and welcomed the guest to the 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron Restaurant in the City of Miami. Councilman **Isaac Salver**, Town of Bay Harbor Islands gave the Invocation. Mayor **George Vallejo**, City of North Miami Beach led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The **municipalities represented** at the Board Meeting: Bal Harbour, Bay Harbor Islands, Biscayne Park, Cutler Bay, Doral, El Portal, Indian Creek, Medley, Miami Beach, Miami Gardens, Miami Shores, Miami Lakes, Miami-Dade County, North Bay Village, North Miami, North Miami Beach, Opa-Locka, Palmetto Bay, Pinecrest, South Miami, Sunny Isles Beach, Virginia Gardens. **Associate Members** and guests: American Traffic Solutions, AT&T, C.A.P. Government, Inc., Carter Outdoor, CH2M Hill, Chen Moore and Associates, CPH, Inc., FPL, Jackson Health System, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Miami Parking Authority, The Corradino Group, Weiss Serota Helfman...

President **Lerner** asked for a motion to approve the minutes and the consent agenda. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

President **Lerner** introduced **Rebeca Sosa**, Chairwoman, Miami-Dade County, and Board of County Commissioners. The Chairwoman discussed Annexations and Incorporations. Chairwoman Sosa thanked the League for inviting her to the Board of Directors meeting. She mentioned how involved she has always been with the Miami Dade County League of Cities and she ensured everyone that she will continue working with the League on these issues as well as others of concern. Chairwoman Sosa informed everyone present how important it is to become more active with the County. Chairwoman Sosa suggested that the Miami-Dade County League of Cities create an Annexation and Incorporations Committee to represent the League, to include big municipalities, medium and small municipalities. She informed everyone how important Annexation and Incorporation is and the municipalities need to get prepared and unite with one another so municipalities can stand on their own. Chairwoman Sosa informed each



municipality that she will support the MDCLC Annexation and Incorporation Committee and she will continue supporting the League. She mentioned that she is available to anyone and she will listen and work with the municipalities that seek her help. She thanked the League once again for having her and giving her the opportunity to attend the League meeting.

President **Lerner** introduced **Deede Weithorn**, Commissioner, City of Miami Beach for the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force Committee report. Commissioner Weithorn informed everyone present that the last Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force Committee meeting will be on March 19, 2014, which will be a very important meeting where action will be taken. Commissioner Weithorn informed everyone that she will send out information if a decision is made before that time. She informed everyone that she is the League representative and she has come to the conclusion that municipalities do not have enough funds for the libraries. She informed everyone that the options were to cut services and increase funding or do both. Commissioner Weithorn mentioned that we are funding at a level below every other major market in this Country. She mentioned that this will be a big issue next year and for everyone to keep track of it. Commissioner Weithorn mentioned to anyone who is interested in this library issue to contact her and she will provide more information regarding the library funding. Commissioner Weithorn thanked the League for having her at the League meeting. President Lerner motivated everyone present to visit your local library and find out information that can be very helpful towards this issue. President Lerner informed everyone that in the agendas you could find the minutes from the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force Committee Meeting on January 17, 2014.

President **Lerner** introduced **Monty Trainer**, Chairman, Miami-Dade Days, and President, Coconut Grove Arts Festival for the Miami-Dade County Days, Inc. presentation. Mr. Trainer congratulated Commissioner Sosa for her great work working with the County and with the League together. Mr. Trainer thanked everyone for the welcome and informed everyone present to attend the Miami-Dade County Days in Tallahassee that will be on April 2 and 3, 2014. He mentioned sponsorship opportunities are available and motivated everyone to register and attend Dade Days in Tallahassee. He informed everyone that in the agendas you could find the registration form and the sponsorship opportunities flyer for additional information. Dade Days gives the elected officials the opportunity to interact with all the legislators and have a conversation with them and talk about issues your municipalities have. Mr. Trainer also informed everyone of the success the Coconut Grove Arts Festival had the week prior. He mentioned that they represent the City of Miami and he is proud to be the President of the Coconut Grove Arts Festival. Mr. Trainer thanked everyone for giving him the opportunity to speak and inform them about the Miami Dade County Days in Tallahassee.

President **Lerner** introduced Executive Director, **Richard Kuper** for the Executive Director's Report. Mr. Kuper congratulated and welcomed the new President: Mayor Cindy Lerner, Village of Pinecrest. He then introduced the **Executive Board Members** present: President Cindy Lerner, First Vice President Jon Burgess, Secretary Jordan Leonard, Treasurer George Vallejo and Immediate Past President Deede Weithorn. He then acknowledged **Past Presidents** present: Councilman Isaac Salver, Town of Bay Harbor Islands, and Former Councilman Michael Blynn, City of North Miami. Mr. Kuper recognized the **Board Members** that were present: Mayor Robert Yaffe, Town of Bay Harbor Islands, Vice Mayor Robert "Bob" Anderson, Village of Biscayne Park, Mayor Edward MacDougall, Town of Cutler Bay, Vice Mayor Christi Fraga, City of Doral, Councilwoman Claudia Cubillos, Village of El Portal, Mayor Roberto Martell, Town of Medley, Board Member Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, MDC-Public School Systems,

Councilman Nelson Rodriguez, Town of Miami Lakes, Mayor Herta Holly, Village of Miami Shores, Mayor Connie Leon-Kreps, North Bay Village, Mayor Marlen Martell, City of North Miami Beach, Mayor Myra Taylor, City of Opa-Locka, Mayor Shelley Stanczyk, Village of Palmetto Bay, Councilman James McDonald, Village of Pinecrest, and Councilman Richard Block, Village of Virginia Gardens. Mr. Kuper then introduced the **City Manager** present: Yolanda Aguilar, City of West Miami. **City Clerk** present: Marilane Lime, Village of Indian Creek. **Judges** present: Judge Don Cohn, Judge William Altfeld, Judge Gladys Perez, Judge Fleur Lobree, Judge Jason Emilios Dimitris, Judge Spencer Multalk and Former Judge Ana Maria Pando. **City Attorney** present: Jeff Cazeau, City of Florida City. **Miami-Dade County Member** present: Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa, Commissioner, Miami-Dade County. **Newly Elected-Officials** present: Commissioner Keon Hardermon, City of Miami and Councilwoman Ivonne Ledesma, Village of Miami Shores.

**Mr. Kuper** introduced a new associate member: Paul Blake from Metro Dade Firefighters. He then acknowledged the associate members present: Orlando Torres, American Traffic Solutions; Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, AT&T; Carlos Penin, Raul Rodriguez, Suramy Cabrera and Jose Miranda, C.A.P. Government, Inc.; Bo Hodges, Carter Outdoor; Mike Shehadeh, CH2M Hill; Dr. Ben Chen, Chen Moore and Associates; Todd Hendrix, Jason James and Chris Collins, CPH, Inc.; Aletha Player, Rmon Ferrer and Armando Fernandez, FPL; Donald Wolfe, Jackson Health System; Gary Ratay, Kimley-Horn and Associates; Kira Grossman, Miami Parking Authority; Joseph Corradino, The Corradino Group; Mitchell Bierman, Weiss Serota Helfman...

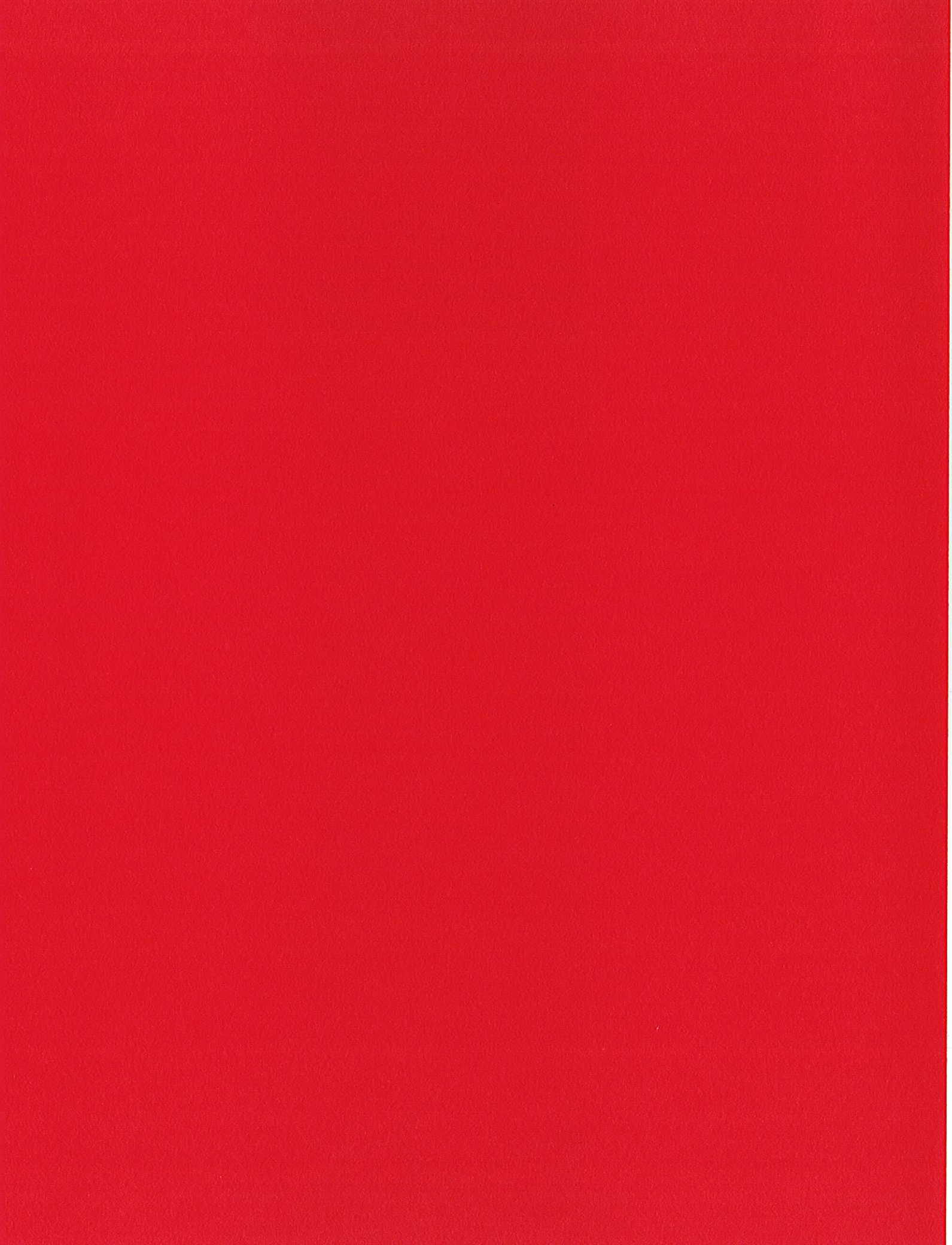
**Mr. Kuper** thanked everyone available for attending the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Installation Gala which was a great success. He congratulated President Lerner, the executive board and the board of directors on their installation. He reminded everyone about the Miami Dade County Days in Tallahassee. He informed everyone that it is important to reach out to the legislators now. Mr. Kuper mentioned that it is important to reach out to your lobbyist and let them know your concerns. Mr. Kuper announced the Gold Coast League of Cities agenda is in the Board Meeting agendas. Mr. Kuper informed everyone how the MDCLC Transportation Committee is continuing to work and a meeting will take place with Mayor Gimenez. Mr. Kuper also informed everyone present that the MDCLC 2014 Legislative agendas have been sent out to elected officials. Mr. Kuper concluded his remark by asking everyone to continue to be informed, involved, and advocate for the interests of all municipalities.

President **Lerner** gave a presentation on the Gold Coast League of Cities 2014 Legislative Agenda. President Lerner informed everyone that the Gold Coast League of cities is the coalition of the three County Leagues: Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade County League of Cities. Every year before the Florida League of Cities Conference we the Gold Coast League of Cities unites and has a breakfast with all three Leagues and discuss a way to come up with three top priorities to take the Florida League of Cities during legislative session. President Lerner mentioned that the three priorities are in the agenda for everyone's review. President Lerner informed everyone present that as of May 2014 you will be able to view the Board of Director's Meeting agenda on the MDCLC website: [www.mdclc.org](http://www.mdclc.org). MDCLC will be providing an agenda program at the board meeting however the supporting documents will be available online.

President **Lerner** read through the announcements listed on the agenda. There will be no meeting in April due to MDC-Days in Tallahassee. The next board of directors meeting will be May 1, 2014 in the Town of Medley.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

*Summarized minutes*





## How much did Waste Management recycle in 2013?

With a strong focus on extracting more value from the waste stream, Waste Management's recycling performance had a record year.

Here's how we did.

### **Recycling Tons:**

Paper: 8,959,973  
Mixed Organics : 2,480,146  
Glass: 863,192  
C&D/Wood: 828,625  
Metals: 724,610  
Plastics: 431,968  
Mixed Recyclables: 652,595  
E-Waste/Lamptracker: 35,235  
Other: 26,797

### **Environmental Statistics**

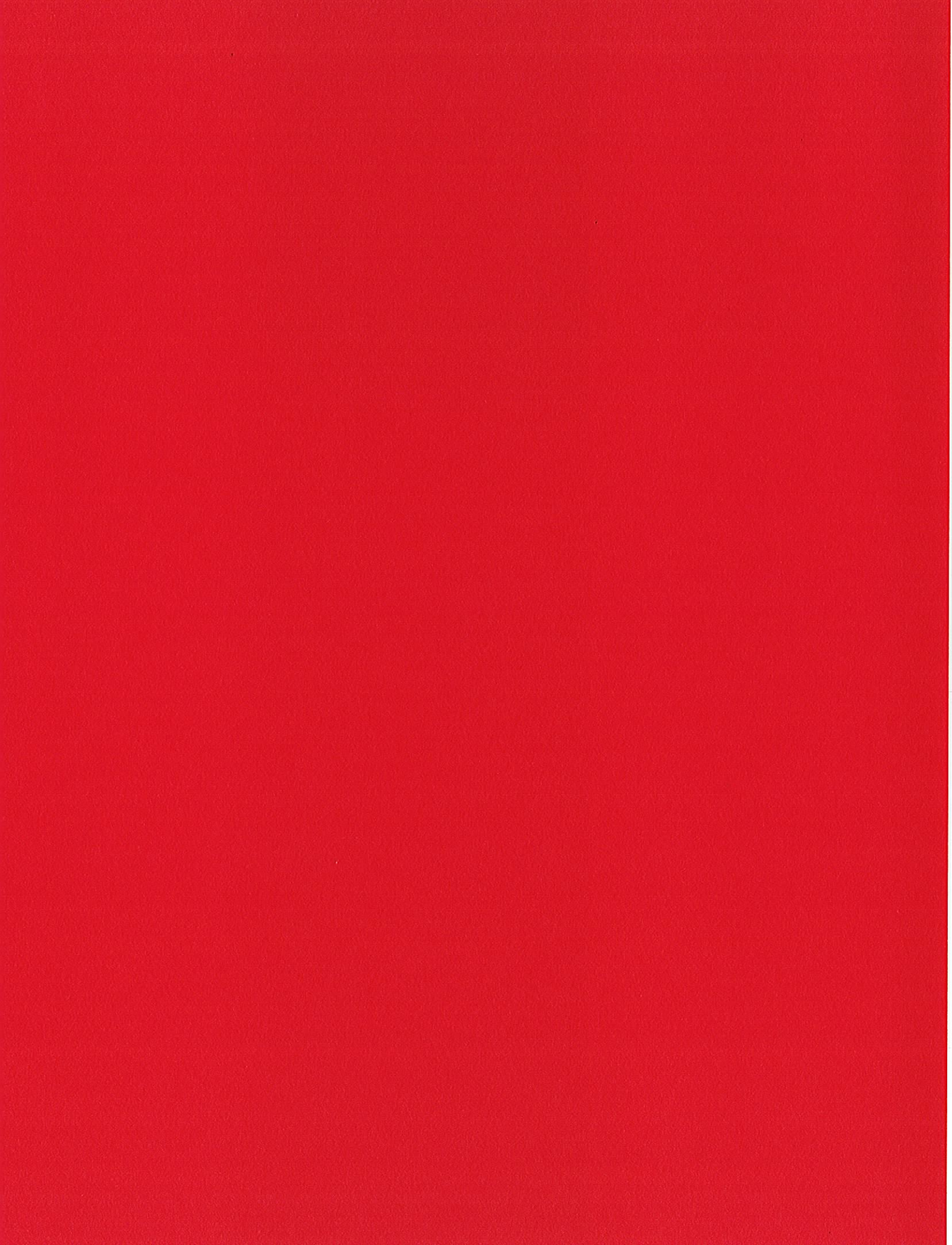
In 2013, Waste Management recycled over 15 million tons of materials. That's enough to fill the Empire State Building (pictured) more than 21 times. When it came to different material types, like paper and aluminum, the company had some impressive statistics.

Take paper, for example. The average sheet of paper weighs about 4.5 grams. In 2013, Waste Management recycled more than 1.2 million tons of office paper. When adding up all the different types of paper that were recycled – including cardboard – WM recycled nearly 9 million tons, enough to save more than 123 million trees.

In 2007, Waste Management set a sustainability goal to recycle 20 million tons annually by the year 2020. Since then, the company has doubled the amount it has recycled, and is now three-quarters away from fulfilling that objective.

For more information, please visit [www.ThinkGreen.com](http://www.ThinkGreen.com).





## RESOLUTION NO. 2014-1

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**WHEREAS**, a memorandum relating to statewide water project funding requests from Senator Alan Hayes, Chairperson of the Florida Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government was transmitted on January 14, 2014 to all the members of the Florida Senate; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Hayes' memorandum to the Florida Senate consisted of a list of priority areas to be considered when identifying water projects for funding as part of the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 General Appropriations Act; and

**WHEREAS**, while the Governor's Office identified six statewide goals as priorities for funding water projects, drainage and canal projects were not identified as a priority goal in order to qualify for state funding; and

**WHEREAS**, while the Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade League of Cities recognize that there are a number of unfunded needs for drainage and canal projects throughout Miami-Dade County, unfortunately, those projects do not meet the statewide goals and criteria as outlined in Senator Hayes' memorandum; and

**WHEREAS**, besides the need for Public Works drainage and canal projects throughout Miami-Dade County, additionally, there is a substantial need for Water and Sewer infrastructure repairs and upgrades located within all the municipalities throughout the County; and

**WHEREAS**, even though Miami-Dade County is the most populous county in the State of Florida consisting of thirty-four municipalities, the statewide goals and criteria identified within Senator Hayes' memorandum, have very limited application within the municipalities throughout Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to improve the quality of life for residents and tourists the Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc. acknowledge the great need for drainage and canal projects located within all the municipalities throughout Miami-Dade

County urge the Governor and the Florida Legislature to revisit the criteria for funding state water projects so that drainage and canal projects are added within the statewide goals and criteria of water projects eligible for state funding.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY:** The Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc.

**SECTION 1.** The Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc. hereby urge and encourage Governor Scott and the Florida Legislature to revisit the criteria for funding water projects so as to include drainage and canal projects that are so greatly needed in Miami-Dade County.

**SECTION 2.** A copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Rick Scott, the Florida Legislature as well as to the Mayor and Commissioners of Miami-Dade County.

**SECTION 3.** The Miami-Dade League of Cities encourages all municipalities to support and enact similar resolutions in each of their cities.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County league of Cities, Inc. at the regular meeting assembled this \_\_\_\_\_ **day of May, 2014.**

ATTEST:

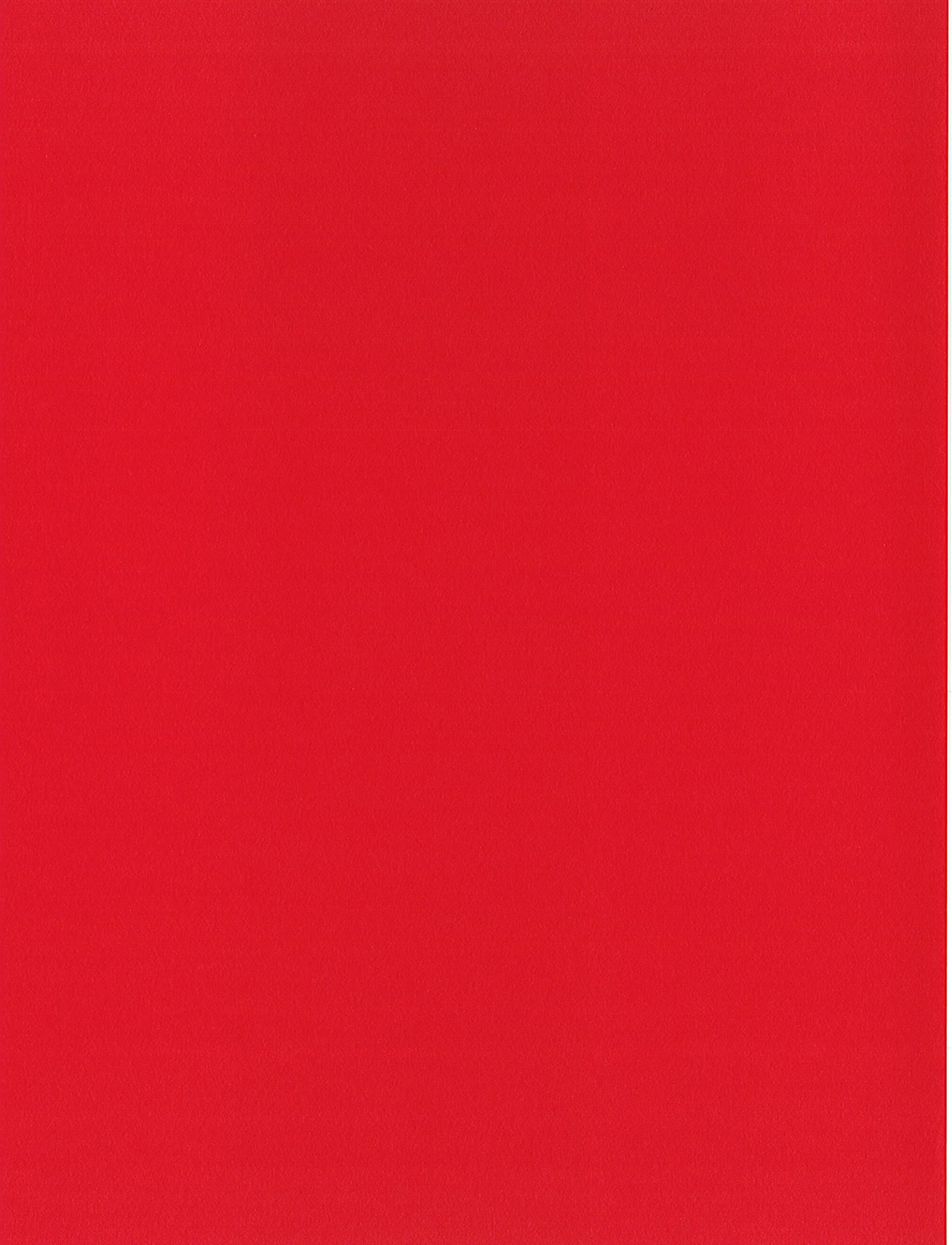
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JORDAN W. LEONARD  
SECRETARY

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CINDY LERNER  
PRESIDENT

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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DARCEE S. SIEGEL, ESQ.  
CHAIR, MDCLC CITY ATTORNEY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE





## RESOLUTION NO. 2014-2

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC. URGING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO RESTORE FULL FUNDING TO THE ENTIRE MIAMI-DADE LIBRARY SYSTEM TO UNDERTAKE AND CONTINUE THE EXAMINATION, FORMULATION AND ADOPTION OF A LONG-TERM, SUSTAINABLE PLAN FOR THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY.**

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade Public Library Advisory Board is assigned to serve in an advisory capacity to the County Commission in respect to all matters pertaining to the Miami-Dade Public Library System as well as to serve as a member of Mayor Carlos Gimenez's Blue Ribbon Task Force to study the future of the Miami-Dade Public Library System; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of their responsibilities and duties, the Task Force convened and determined that the best course of action on behalf of the Public Library System was for the Task Force and the County to formulate and adopt a short-term funding plan for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 with the goal of funding the System's operating budget to levels prior to the downturn in the economy; and

**WHEREAS**, while the Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc. is aware of the current funding crisis faced by the Public Library System, they are encouraged and optimistic by an improved economy and the prospects for a return to a stabilized and strong economy thereby allowing for the restoration of full funding for the Public Library System; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade Public Library System is comprised of forty-nine branches which services over 2.5 million residents as well as approximately 8 million visitors throughout Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, a healthy public library system promotes literacy and cultural appreciation and fosters a more knowledgeable and educated society; and

**WHEREAS**, with the reduction of funding to the Public Library System and the closures, down-sizing or reconfigurations of the Public Library System many children, teens and adults within all the Miami-Dade County municipalities have been turned away from a place of learning and have thus suffered greatly; and

**WHEREAS**, at their April 16, 2014 meeting, the Library Advisory Board enthusiastically endorsed the consensus recommendations of the Taskforce members to increase the ad valorem tax millage rate in order to restore the current levels of funding to both maintain and enhance library services throughout Miami-Dade County with none of the current library facilities having to close; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the recommendations of the Library Advisory Board and the Blue Ribbon Task Force members, the Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc.

believe that a sustainable financial plan with the restoration of full funding for the Public Library System is in the best interest of all the residents located in all the municipalities throughout Miami-Dade County.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY:** The Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc.

**SECTION 1.** The Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc. hereby urge the Miami-Dade County Board of Commissioners to restore full funding to the entire Miami-Dade Library System.

**SECTION 2.** The Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities, Inc. hereby further urge the Miami-Dade County Board of Commissioners to undertake and continue the examination, formulation and adoption of a long-term, sustainable plan for the Miami-Dade County Public Library System in the 21st century.

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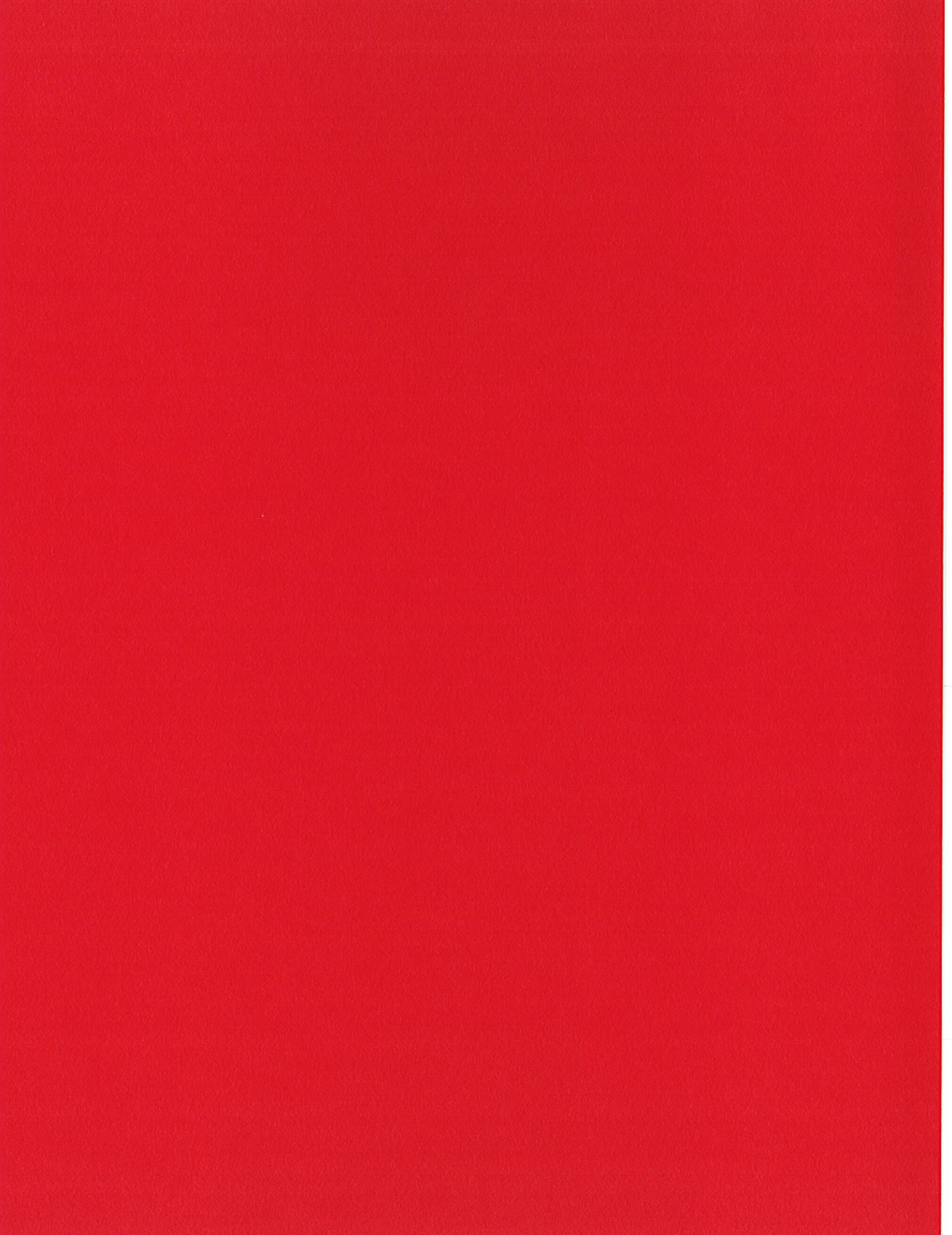
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ADVISORY COMMITTEE



RESOLUTION NO. 14-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING EFFORTS OF FIREARMS' RETAILERS TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE AND ILLEGAL TRAFFICKING IN FIREARMS THROUGH INDUSTRY SALES AND MARKETING BEST PRACTICES; DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TO COORDINATE WITH THE TOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND WITH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES IN SUPPORT OF THIS INITIATIVE AND TO WORK WITH FIREARM SUPPLIERS TO ENCOURAGE SALES AND MARKETING SAFEGUARDS; AND DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO OTHER SOUTH FLORIDA MUNICIPALITIES, THE MIAMI-DADE AND FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC. AND TO MEMBERS FLORIDA'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION.

**WHEREAS**, according to the Florida Center for Investigative Reporting, the incidence of homicides involving the use of firearms has risen dramatically in recent years, including cases involving multiple victims; and

**WHEREAS**, firearms may fall into criminal hands by means of "straw purchases" in which a friend or family member passes the required background check imposed by federally-licensed dealers, and purchases a gun for a third-person who could not pass the background check; and

**WHEREAS**, according to a recent study published in the Journal of Public Policy and Marketing, responsible practices by gun manufacturers and distributors help to prevent guns from falling into criminal hands, thus helping to reduce the incidence of gun violence; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayors Against Illegal Guns and Wal-Mart developed the Responsible Firearms Retailer Partnership, a comprehensive plan to curb the illegal trafficking of firearm through more responsible gun sales and marketing practices, including sensible safeguards such as the videotaping of gun sales, increased store security, and employee training and background checks; and

**WHEREAS**, the voluntary code applicable to participants in the Responsible Firearms Retailer Partnership requires participating retailers to maintain a computerized crime-gun trace log and alert system, to require purchaser declarations and identification checking mechanisms, to provide point-of-sale signage alerting customers of their legal responsibilities, and to prohibit sales without background check results; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Cutler Bay, joining other Miami-Dade County municipalities, commends the voluntary efforts of responsible gun manufacturers and distributors who contribute to reducing gun violence and gun-related crimes in our communities, and supports the growing coalition of municipalities in support of initiatives to reduce gun violence and illegal firearms trafficking.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

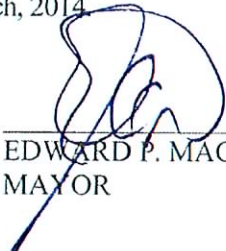
**Section 1.**      **Recitals.** The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 2. Support.** The Town Council supports efforts to reduce gun violence and illegal firearms trafficking through responsible gun sales and marketing practices.

**Section 3. Authorization.** The Town Manager is directed to coordinate with the Cutler Bay Police to partner with other municipalities in support of this initiative and to work with gun and ammunition suppliers to encourage broader adoption of best practices safeguards associated with firearm and ammunition sales and marketing.

**Section 4. Transmittal.** The Town Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to other South Florida municipalities, the Miami-Dade and Florida League of Cities, Inc., members of Florida's Congressional Delegation.

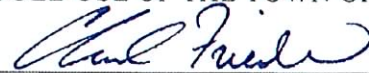
PASSED and ADOPTED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014

  
EDWARD P. MACDOUGALL,  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
DEBRA E. EASTMAN, MMC  
TOWN CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
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SOLE USE OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY:

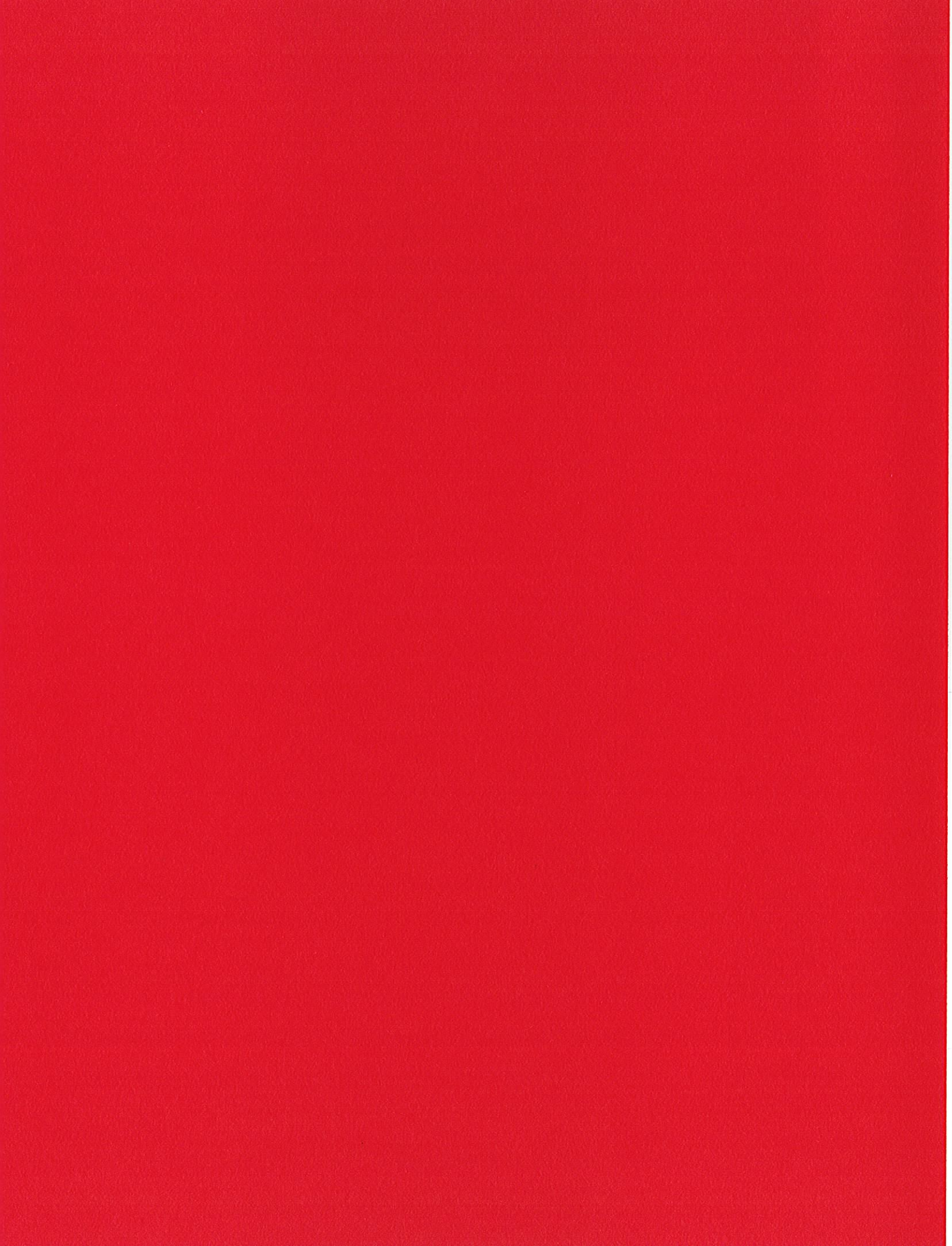
  
WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN PASTORIZA  
COLE & BONISKE, P.L.  
Town Attorney



Moved by: Vice Mayor Sochin  
Second by: Council Member Loyzelle

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

Mayor Edward P. MacDougall	no
Vice Mayor Ernest N. Sochin	yes
Councilmember Peggy R. Bell	yes
Councilmember Sue Loyzelle	yes
Councilmember Mary Ann Mixon	yes



RESOLUTION NO. 25-14-14119

**A Resolution to seek the repeal of the Stand-Your-Ground laws and to encourage other municipalities to join the City of South Miami in its efforts to repeal the Stand-Your-Ground laws.**

**WHEREAS**, Stand-Your-Ground law and other similar laws remove the duty to retreat before using deadly force in self-defense; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida was the first state to pass a such laws in 2005, followed by approximately 14 other states that passed similar laws; and

**WHEREAS**, some states have self-defense laws that are similar to the Stand-Your-Ground laws, often with at least one key difference: these laws generally apply only to the home or other real property (such as an office) and are often referred to as "castle doctrine" or "defense of habitation" laws; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 19 states require a duty to retreat before using deadly self-defense; and

**WHEREAS**, repeal of Florida's Stand-Your-Ground law will not prevent a defendant from using deadly self-defense when in his or her home; and

**WHEREAS**, Stand-Your-Ground law endangers citizens because it encourages vigilantism and the use of indiscriminate and excessive force.

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

**Section 1.** The City Clerk is hereby instructed to send this resolution to the League of Cities to encourage other municipalities to join the City of South Miami its efforts to repeal the Stand-Your-Ground laws.

**Section 2. Severability.** If any section clause, sentence, or phrase of this resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by vote of the City Commission.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18 day of February, 2014.

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED:

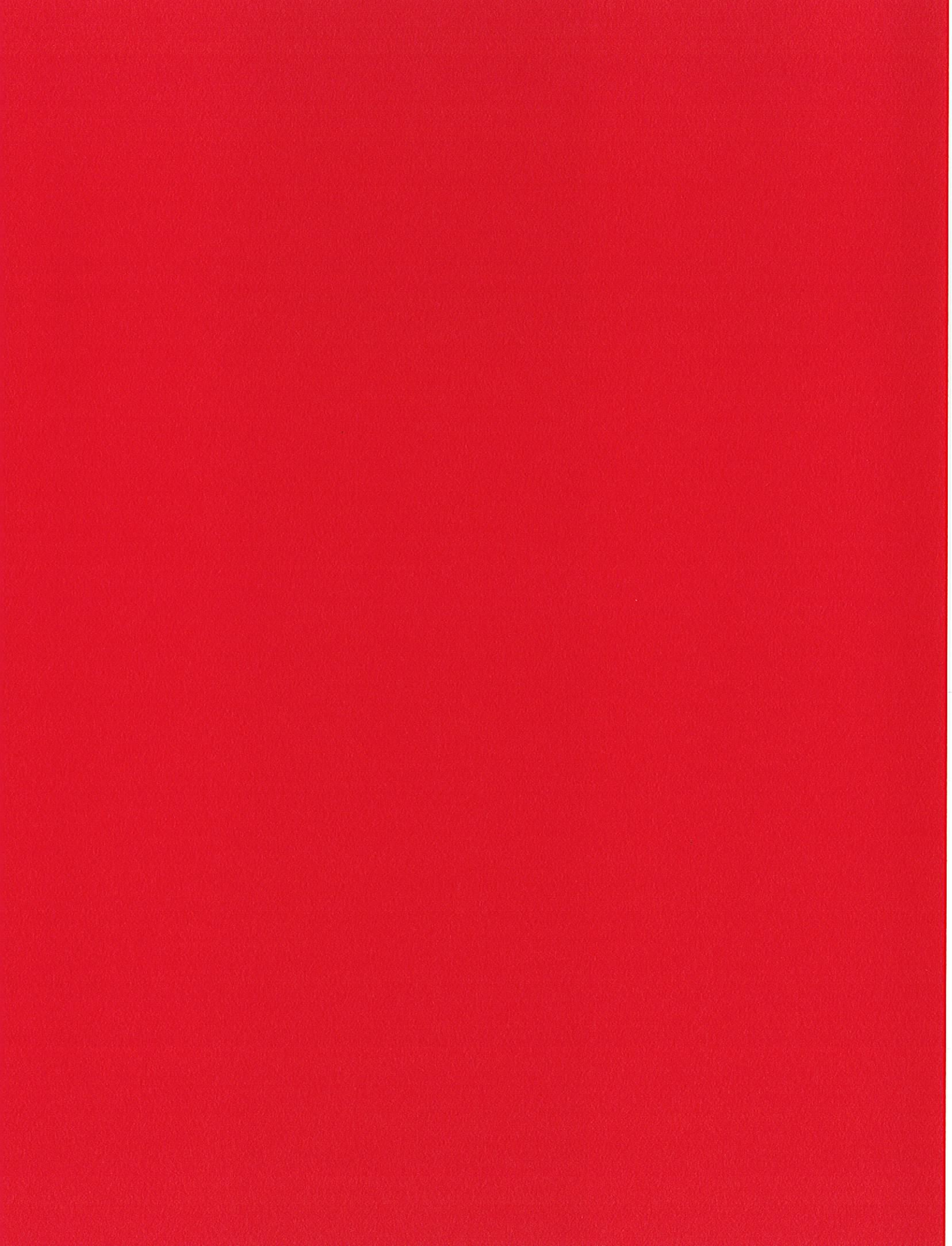
  
MAYOR



READ AND APPROVED AS TO FORM,  
LANGUAGE, LEGALITY AND  
EXECUTION THEREOF

  
CITY ATTORNEY

COMMISSION VOTE: 4-1  
Mayor Stoddard: Yea  
Vice Mayor Harris: Yea  
Commissioner Edmond: Yea  
Commissioner Liebman: Nay  
Commissioner Welsh: Yea



**RESOLUTION NO. 14-1204**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA SUPPORTING FLORIDA HOUSE BILL 153 AND FLORIDA SENATE BILL 224, AMENDING FLORIDA STATUTES TO EXTEND THE CURRENT PROHIBITIONS RELATING TO TOBACCO PRODUCTS FOR PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 18, TO PROHIBIT THE SALE, GIFTING, POSSESSION OR USE OF NICOTINE DISPENSING DEVICES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES, TO AND BY PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 18; DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO FORWARD THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, new, unregulated high-tech nicotine vaporizers, sometimes referred to as electronic cigarettes or e-cigarettes, have recently been made available to consumers, including minors; and

**WHEREAS**, the sale of electronic cigarettes is a growing market; and

**WHEREAS**, electronic cigarettes have the potential to encourage addictive and unhealthy habits in children; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida House Bill 153 and the similar Florida Senate Bill 224, if passed, provide for an amendment to the Florida Statutes to extend the current prohibitions relating to tobacco products for persons under the age of 18, to prohibit the sale, gifting, possession or use of nicotine dispensing devices, that includes electronic cigarettes, to and by persons under the age of 18; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council for the Town of Miami Lakes finds that such regulation should be uniform throughout the state, as the use of tobacco and nicotine dispensing devices by minors is an issue of state-wide concern; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council for the Town of Miami Lakes supports House Bill 153 and Senate Bill 224; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council for the Town of Miami Lakes has determined that it is in the public interest to support House Bill 153 and Senate Bill 224;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Recitals.** The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein by reference.

**Section 2. Support of House Bill 153 and Senate Bill 224.** The Town Council for the Town of Miami Lakes, Florida supports passage and adoption of House Bill 153 and Senate Bill 224, and urges the Florida Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign House Bill 153 and Senate Bill 224.

**Section 3. Directions to Clerk.** The Town Clerk is directed to distribute this Resolution to the Florida Governor, the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation, the Florida League of Cities, the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners, the Miami-Dade County League of Cities and each of the municipalities in Miami-Dade County.

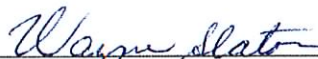
**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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Passed and adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Nelson Rodriguez who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Cesar Mestre and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:


Mayor Wayne Slaton	<u>yes</u>
Vice Mayor Manny Cid	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Tim Daubert	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Tony Lama	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Cesar Mestre	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Frank Mingo	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Nelson Rodriguez	<u>yes</u>

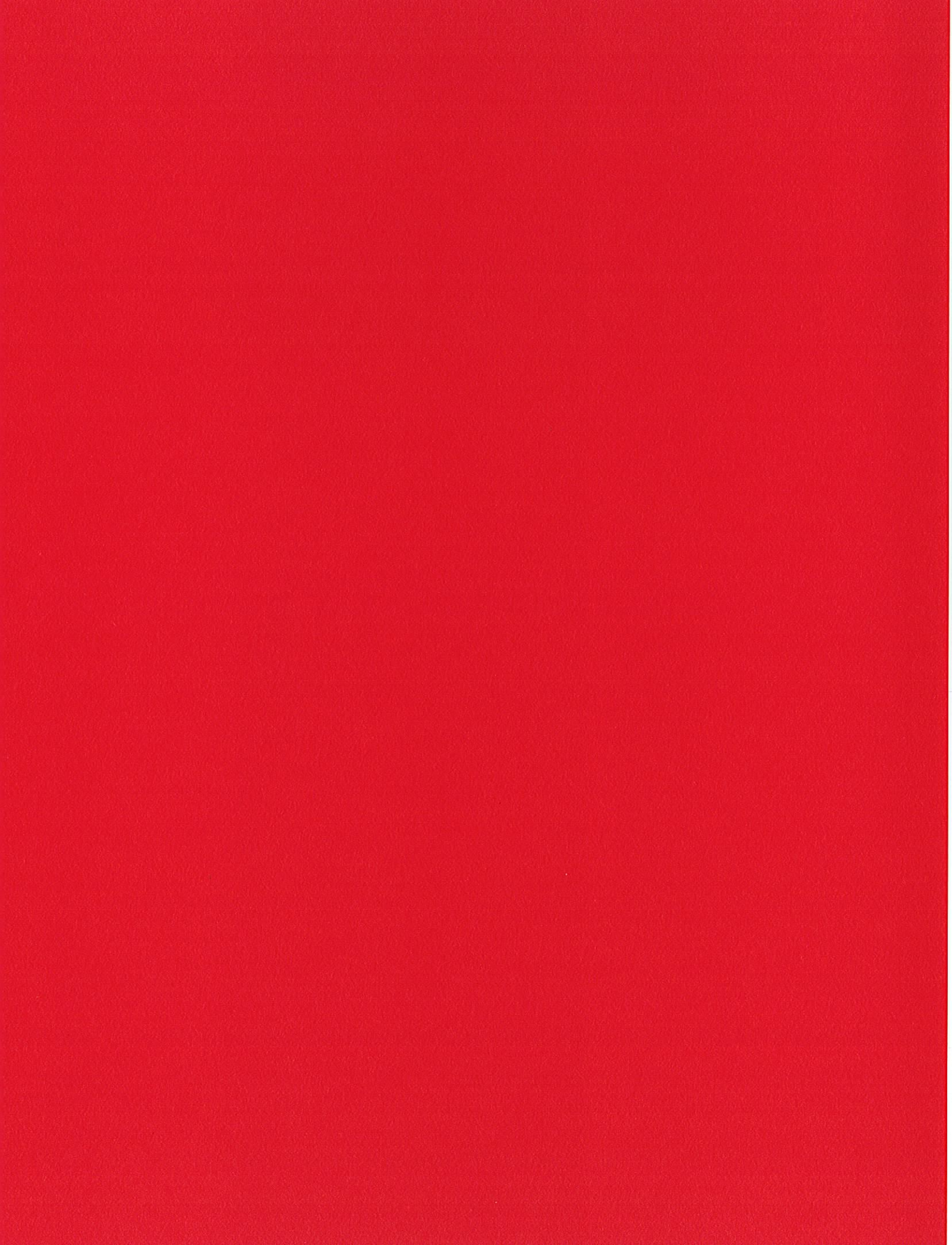
  
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Wayne Slaton  
MAYOR

Attest:

  
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Marjorie Tejeda  
TOWN CLERK

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

  
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Raul Gastosi, Jr.  
Gastosi & Associates, P.A.  
TOWN ATTORNEY



RESOLUTION NO. 14-1205

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA SUPPORTING FLORIDA HOUSE BILL 169, RELATING TO TOBACCO AND NICOTINE PRODUCT REGULATION, INCLUDING CREATING SECTION 569.24, FLORIDA STATUTES TO EXPRESSLY PREEMPT TO THE STATE THE REGULATION OF THE SALE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS, NICOTINE PRODUCTS, AND NICOTINE DISPENSING DEVICES; DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO FORWARD THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, new, unregulated high-tech nicotine vaporizers, sometimes referred to as electronic cigarettes or e-cigarettes, have recently been made available to consumers, including minors; and

**WHEREAS**, the sale of electronic cigarettes is a growing market; and

**WHEREAS**, electronic cigarettes have the potential to encourage addictive and unhealthy habits in children; and

**WHEREAS**, several Florida municipalities have recently adopted local ordinances regulating nicotine dispensing devices; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida House Bill 169 provides, among other things, for preemption to the State the regulation of sale of tobacco products; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council for the Town of Miami Lakes finds that such regulation should be uniform throughout the state, as the use of tobacco and nicotine dispensing devices by minors is an issue of state-wide concern; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council for the Town of Miami Lakes supports House Bill 169; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council for the Town of Miami Lakes has determined that it is in the public interest to support House Bill 169;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Recitals.** The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein by reference.

**Section 2. Support of House Bill 169.** The Town Council for the Town of Miami Lakes, Florida supports passage and adoption of House Bill 169, and urges the Florida Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign House Bill 169.

**Section 3. Directions to Clerk.** The Town Clerk is directed to distribute this Resolution to the Florida Governor, the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation, the Florida League of Cities, the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners, the Miami-Dade County League of Cities and each of the municipalities in Miami-Dade County.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

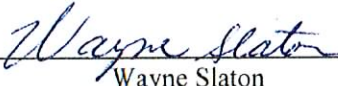
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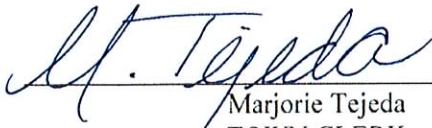
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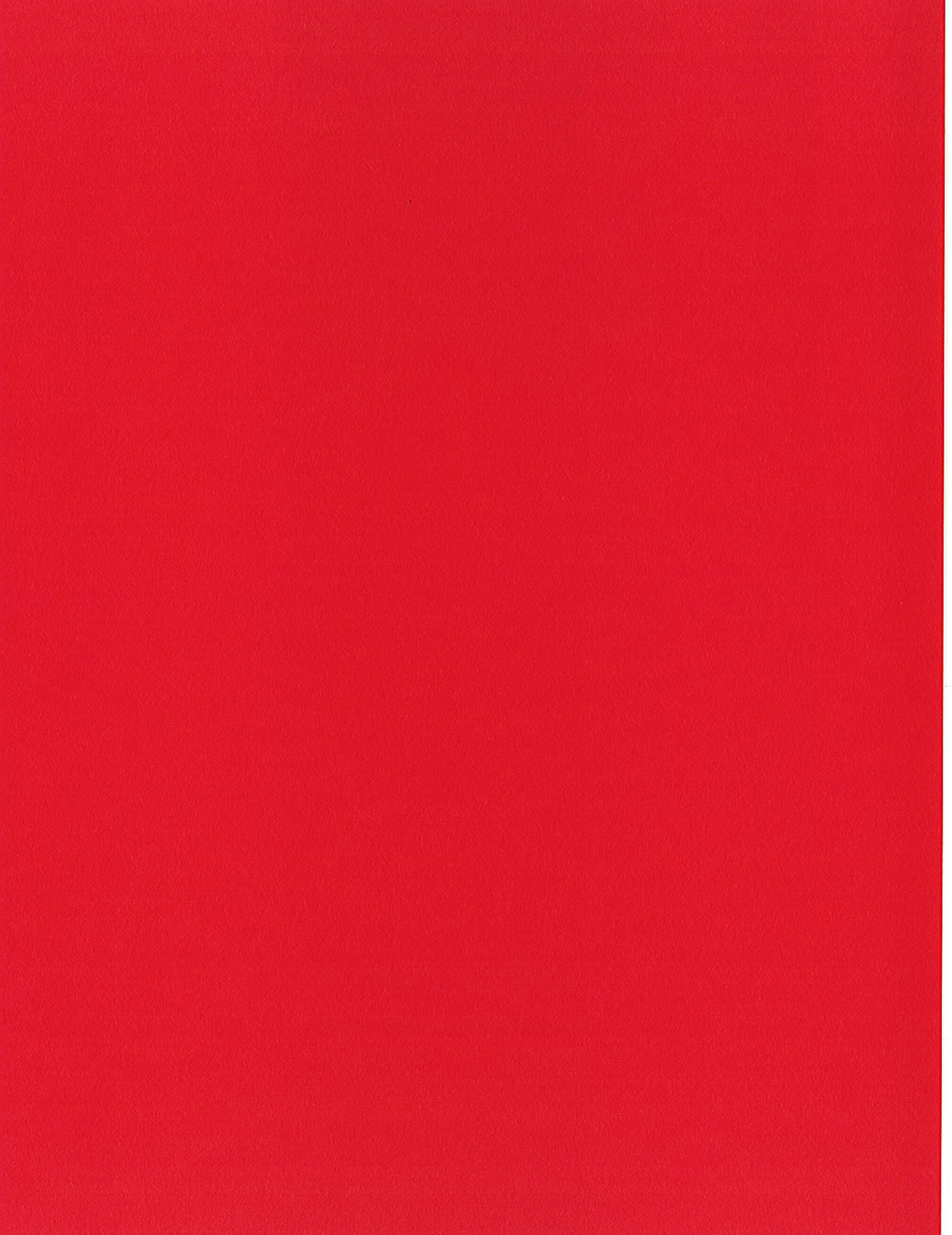
  
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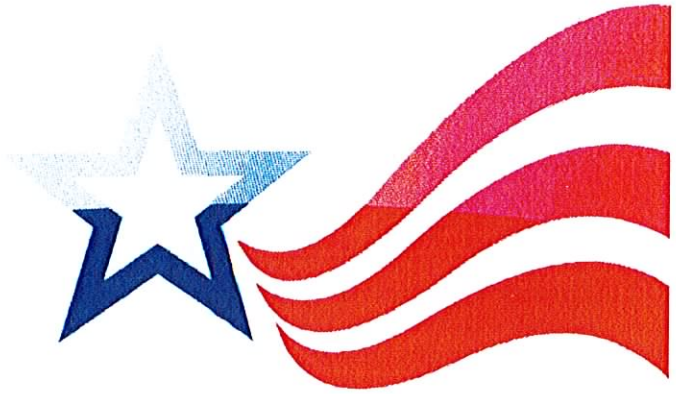
  
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TOWN CLERK

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

  
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# Political Campaign Ethics Conference



Presented by the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics & Public Trust  
and St. Thomas University Center for Ethics

**Friday, May 16, 2014, 7:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

St. Thomas University School of Law

16401 NW 37th Ave. Miami Gardens, FL 33054

More than 40 speakers, including Justice Gerald Kogan, James Bopp, Mark Caputo, Kendall Coffey, Lincoln Diaz-Balart, Joseph Klock, Jr., George Knox, Ben Kuehne, Theresa Lepore, Buddy Nevins, Irene Secada, Katy Sorenson, Xavier Suarez and many others. Luncheon speaker: Chuck Malkus, author of *The Ultimate Ponzi: The Scott Rothstein Story*

Featured sessions: Voting Rights – Foiling Fraud, Protecting Access\* Absentee Ballot Fraud \* Ethnic, Racial & Sexual Innuendo in Political Campaigns \* Campaign Cash and the *Citizens United* Debate \* Campaign consultants \* Handling Media Coverage \* Can Nice Candidates Win? \* The Election Supervisors' Guide for Candidates \* Phantom Contributors \* *Bush v. Gore* – Could it Happen Again?

Cost includes breakfast & lunch: \$90 (\$75 by May 1), \$50 for students.

Attorneys: CLE credit pending

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**POLITICAL CAMPAIGN ETHICS CONFERENCE**  
**St. Thomas University Law School -- May 16, 2014**  
**DRAFT PROGRAM**

- 7:45 – 8:15 AM BREAKFAST  
8:15 – 8:30 AM WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
- 8:30 – 9:25 AM **Voting Rights: Foiling Fraud, Protecting Access** Moderator: Charlton Copeland
- 9:30 – 10:20 AM **Absentee Ballot Fraud: What happened in the 1997 Miami Mayoral election and what lessons have we learned since?**  
Moderator: Joseph Centorino, Esq., Panelists: Kendall Coffey, Esq, Patricia Mazzei, Xavier Suarez, Esq.
- 10:20 – 10:30 AM BREAK
- 10:30 – 11:20 AM **The Third Rail: Ethnic, Racial and Sexual Innuendo in Political Campaigns –**  
Moderator: Helen Ferre Panelists: Lincoln Diaz-Balart, Esq., George Knox, Esq., Jimmy Morales, Esq. Invited: U.S. Rep. Lois Frankel
- 11:20 – 11:40 **Legislative Update: 2014 Florida Legislative Session - Sen. Jeff Clemens**
- 11:45 AM – 12:25 PM BUFFET LUNCH – Law School Breezeway
- 12:30 – 1:00 PM LUNCHEON SPEAKER: **Chuck Malkus, *The Ultimate Ponzi: The Scott Rothstein Story***
- 1:05 – 1:55 PM **Campaign Cash and the *Citizens United* Debate: Free Speech or Corrupt Influence?**  
Moderator: Robert Meyers, Panelists: James Bopp, Esq., Invited: Prof. Lawrence Lessig
- 2:00 – 2:45 PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS:  
A. **Campaign Consultants: Value or Voodoo**  
Moderator: Katy Sorenson, Panelists: Daryl Glenney, Robert Levy  
B. **Handling Election Media: Sparks, Snarks & Sharks**  
Moderator: Robert Steinback, Panelists: Marc Caputo, Buddy Nevins, Irene Secada  
C. **The Florida Elections Commission: Investigations and Enforcement Procedures**  
Moderator: Norman Ostrau, Esq., David Flagg, Eric Lipman, Esq.
- 2:45 – 3:00 PM BREAK
- 3:05 – 3:50 BREAKOUT SESSIONS  
A. **The Election Supervisor's Guide for Candidates**  
Moderator: Oren Rosenthal, Esq., Panelists: Carolina Lopez, Dr. Brenda Snipes  
B. **Ethical Campaign Practices: Can Nice Candidates Win?**  
Moderator: Miriam Ramos, Esq., Panelists: Joseph Geller, Esq., J.C. Planas, Esq., Katy Sorenson  
C. **Case Study: Prosecuting the Phantom Contributor**  
Moderator: Larry Lebowitz, Presenters: Carol Jordan, Esq., Marie Perikles, Esq., Shelby Williams
- 3:55 – 4:55 ***Bush v. Gore* in Retrospect: Could it happen again?**  
Moderator: Justice Gerald Kogan, Panelists: Joseph Klock, Jr., Esq., Benedict Kuehne, Esq., Theresa Lepore, Norman Ostrau, Esq.
- 4:55 – 5:00 CLOSING REMARKS, Distribution of Certificates