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**CITY OF MIRAMAR  
MIRAMAR, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-115**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIRAMAR, FLORIDA, RE-EMPHASIZING THE CITY OF MIRAMAR'S COMMITMENT TO MAINTAIN CIVILITY IN THE CONDUCT OF THE PUBLIC'S BUSINESS ; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**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**, the City Commission understands that 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 succeed with the challenges facing our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission of the City of Miramar hereby recommits itself 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 may disagree.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIRAMAR, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:**

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**Section 1:** The City Commission recommits itself to maintaining civility in our public and political discourse and hereby pledges our commitment to the following principles:

- 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.

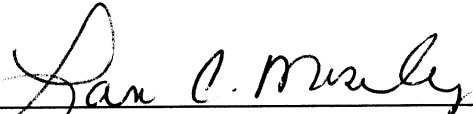
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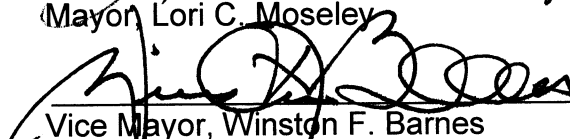
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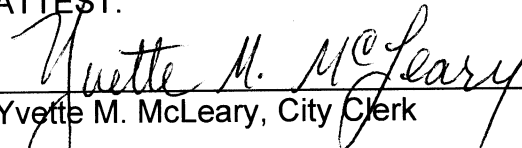
**Section 2:** The City Commission further pledges to exhibit and encourage the kinds of personal qualities that are emblematic of and predominate our communities and society in general: gratitude, humility, openness, passion for service to others, propriety, kindness, honesty, caring, faith, sense of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

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 18 day of May, 2011.

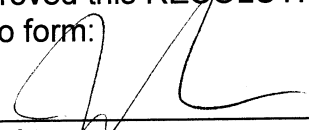
  
Mayor, Lori C. Moseley

  
Vice Mayor, Winston F. Barnes

ATTEST:

  
Yvette M. McLeary, City Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have  
approved this RESOLUTION  
as to form:

 *DEC*  
City Attorney  
Weiss Serota Helfman Pastoriza  
Cole & Boniske, P.L.

**Requested by Administration**

Vice Mayor Winston F. Barnes  
Commissioner Alexandra P. Davis  
Commissioner Wayne M. Messam  
Commissioner Troy R. Samuels  
Mayor Lori C. Moseley

**Voted**

Yes  
Yes  
Yes  
Yes  
Yes