



Legislation Text

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MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2020-R-19.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2020-R-19 IS A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, DENOUNCING ANTI-SEMITISM, ANTI-ASIAN BIGOTRY, AND ALL HATEFUL SPEECH, VIOLENT ACTION AND THE SPREAD OF MISINFORMATION RELATED TO COVID-19; JOINING OTHER CITIES, COUNTIES AND STATES ACROSS THE COUNTRY IN AFFIRMING ITS COMMITMENT TO THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS; CONTINUING ITS EFFORTS TO PROTECT RESIDENTS, TARGETS AND VICTIMS OF HATE; PLEDGING TO SUPPORT THE RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLE; URGING RESIDENTS TO JOIN THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES IN CALLING ATTENTION TO THESE HARMS AND DENOUNCE HATE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

On Wednesday, May 20, 2020, Commissioner Schwartz introduced for discussion and possible action to support the Anti-Defamation League Resolution regarding COVID-19 and hate groups.

1. Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, more than 5,034,458 cases and more than 329,186 deaths have been confirmed worldwide as of May 21, 2020, according to the Johns Hopkins University Coronavirus Resource Center, and according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1,528,235 cases and 91,664 deaths have been reported in the United States as of May 21, 2020.
2. COVID-19 will not be stopped by political boundaries and was not created or caused by any race, nationality or ethnicity, and the World Health Organization has cautioned against using geographic descriptors that can fuel ethnic and racial discrimination. COVID-19 has infected people from all racial, national and ethnic backgrounds.
3. The City of Pembroke Pines is fully committed to the safety, security, and equal treatment of its residents as it confronts the COVID-19 pandemic.
4. Each individual has the ability to promote inclusiveness, celebrate diversity, support all fellow community members, prevent the spread of misinformation, and reject hate and bias in all forms. Hate crimes, discrimination and aggression against Asians and Jews are on the rise throughout the country as these groups are being blamed for the COVID-19 outbreak and

spread.

5. The City of Pembroke Pines denounces anti-semitism, anti-Asian bigotry, and all hateful speech, violent action and the spread of misinformation related to COVID-19 that casts blame, promotes racism or discrimination or harms the City of Pembroke Pines Asian and Pacific Islander, Jewish, immigrant or other communities.
6. The City of Pembroke Pines joins cities, counties and states across the country in affirming its commitment to the safety and well-being of all community members, including the Asian and Jewish communities, and in combatting hate crimes targeting Asians, Jews and Pacific Islanders.

FINANCIAL IMPACT DETAIL: None