



## RESOLUTION # 2023-16

**RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 269 "PROVIDING ENHANCED CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR PERSONS WHO COMMIT VIOLATIONS WHILE EVIDENCING RELIGIOUS OR ETHICS ANIMUS; REQUIRING CERTAIN VIOLATIONS TO BE RECORDED AS HATE CRIMES; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE AN DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the commitment to exalt loyalty to the United States, its traditions and institutions are acclaimed in our swearing alliance to the Flag of the United State of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the right to religious peaceful gathering and freedom from fear to assemble and expression of religion or personal beliefs are guaranteed by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, free exercise clause, further protected by the Fourteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, Article I, Section 3 of the Constitution of the State of Florida further asserts the protection of peaceful assembly and religious freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, notwithstanding historical traditions of protection of America's basic rights, there has been a proliferation of intents to attack, subvert and destroy America's basic right by the propagation and promotion of indescribable acts of hate towards religion in general and religious practices and institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Legislature has taken the initiative to protect American values and established rights by introducing legislation under House Bill 269 which further protects the essential rights of citizens in general; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of West Miami Commission has been the tip of the lance in supporting the protection of the essential rights of every citizen; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of West Miami Commission supports legislation which condemns and penalizes violations of the Constitutional freedom which violates principle and religious freedoms and assembly; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission of the City of West Miami encourages sister municipalities to support House Bill 269.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of West Miami as follows:

**Section 1.** That the foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

**Section 2.** The City Commission of the City of West Miami reaffirms its commitment to freed and justice for all.

**Section 3.** The City of West Miami strongly supports the enactment of House Bill 269 of the Florida State Legislature.

**Section 4.** The City Commission of the City of West Miami encourages sister municipalities to support House Bill 269.

**Section 5.** The City Commission instructs the City Clerk to disseminate this Resolution to all sister cities.

**Section 6.** All Resolutions and parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith are repealed.

**Section 7.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2023.

APPROVED:



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ERIC DIAZ-PADRON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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ANNERY GONZALEZ, MMC  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND SUFFICIENCY:

  
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**JOSE A. VILLALOBOS, CITY ATTORNEY**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

This Resolution was offered by Commissioner Blanca who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Chavez. The vote was as follows:

<b>MAYOR ERIC DIAZ-PADRON</b>	<b><u>Y</u></b>
<b>VICE-MAYOR JUAN M. BLANES</b>	<b><u>Y</u></b>
<b>COMMISSIONER CANDIDA BLANCA</b>	<b><u>Y</u></b>
<b>COMMISSIONER IVAN CHAVEZ, JR.</b>	<b><u>Y</u></b>
<b>COMMISSIONER LUCIANO SUAREZ</b>	<b><u>Y</u></b>