



RESOLUTION # 2025-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING CAMPING WORLD CEO MARCUS LEMONIS IN HIS EFFORTS TO AMPLIFY HIS PATRIOTISM THROUGH THE DISPLAY OF THE AMERICAN FLAG; URGING OTHER JURISDICTIONS WHERE CAMPING WORLD OPERATES TO ALLOW AND PROMOTE THE DISPLAY OF THE AMERICAN FLAG; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Sponsored by Mayor Diaz-Padron)

WHEREAS, Marcus Lemonis was born in Beirut, Lebanon, and adopted during infancy by a family in Miami, Florida, where he was raised and developed a deep love for his country and the opportunities it provided him; and

WHEREAS, Marcus Lemonis is a nationally recognized entrepreneur and serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Camping World, the nation's largest RV and outdoor retailer, and is also known for his leadership on the CNBC series The Profit and Streets of Dreams; and

WHEREAS, Camping World locations across the United States prominently feature large American flags as a visible and powerful symbol of patriotism, unity, and appreciation for the freedoms afforded by this nation; and

WHEREAS, Marcus Lemonis has described the display of these flags as a "love letter to America," emphasizing the importance of expressing national pride in a time when unity is needed more than ever; and

WHEREAS, despite facing legal disputes and code enforcement actions from various municipalities—including cities such as Statesville, North Carolina; Sevierville, Tennessee; and others—Camping World has continued to stand firm in its decision to fly large American flags as a matter of principle and patriotism

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

Section 1. The City of West Miami hereby expresses its support for Marcus Lemonis and his unwavering commitment to patriotism through the display of large American flags at Camping World locations.

Section 2. The City of West Miami urges all municipalities and local governments—including but not limited to Statesville, North Carolina; Marion, Illinois;

Monticello, Minnesota; and other jurisdictions where Camping World operates—to allow and actively promote the respectful display of the American flag.

Section 3. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Camping World, Inc., Marcus Lemonis, and the mayors and city councils of the aforementioned cities and any other relevant jurisdictions.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of April 2025.

APPROVED:



ERIC DIAZ-PADRON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



ANNERY GONZALEZ, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



DEXTER W. LEHTINEN, CITY ATTORNEY

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MAYOR ERIC DIAZ-PADRON	<u>Y</u>
VICE-MAYOR NATALIE MILIAN ORBIS	<u>ABSENT</u>
COMMISSIONER IVAN CHAVEZ, JR.	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER JUAN M. BLANES	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER LUCIANO L. SUAREZ	<u>Y</u>