

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 2666

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE TO JOIN THE FLORIDA HATE CRIME COALITION (FHCC); PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Anti-Defamation League (“ADL”) is a leading anti-hate organization, founded in 1913 due to an escalating climate of anti-Semitism and bigotry; and

WHEREAS, ADL is a global leader in exposing extremism and delivering anti-bias education, and is a leading organization in training law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, ADL’s goal is a world in which no group or individual suffers from bias, discrimination, or hate; and

WHEREAS, in 1981 ADL drafted a model hate crime bill on which the majority of the 45 States and District of Columbia hate crime laws are based; and

WHEREAS, ADL led the national coalition that secured the passage of the 2009 Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Federal Hate Crime Protection Act; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Hate Crime Coalition (FHCC) was established in 2016 by the ADL to advocate for an expanded, comprehensive hate crimes law in Florida; and

WHEREAS, over 275 organizations, elected officials, and law enforcement leaders are members of the FHCC, which has a mission to secure amendments to the Florida hate crime law that would protect all Floridians; and

WHEREAS, the residents, business, and government of Surfside believe that diversity within our community is a source of strength and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside chooses to be a leader in promoting tolerance, inclusion, human rights, social justice, and public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside stands together in opposing manifestations of hate, acts of intolerance, and reaffirms its values of inclusion, respect, and justice; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside believes that joining the FHCC would be in the best interests of the residents and businesses of the Town of Surfside.

NOW THERE FORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby ratified and confirmed by the Town Commission and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. The Town Commission further directs Town Administration to take action to join the FHCC.

Section 3. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith, be and the same are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. If any clause, section, or other part of this Resolution shall be held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such unconstitutional or invalid part shall be construed as eliminated and shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

Section 5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of January 2020.

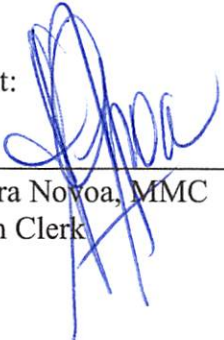
Motion By: Vice Mayor Gielchinsky

Second By: Commissioner Paul

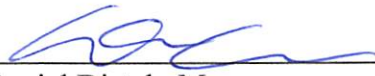
FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION

Commissioner Barry Cohen	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Michael Karukin	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Tina Paul	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Daniel Gielchinsky	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Daniel Dietch	<u>Yes</u>

Attest:

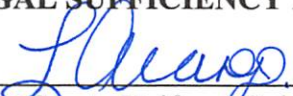


Sandra Novoa, MMC
Town Clerk



Daniel Dietch, Mayor

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE ONLY:**



Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L.
Town Attorney