

## RESOLUTION 11-78

### A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, RE-EMPHASIZING THE TOWN'S COMMITMENT TO MAINTAIN CIVILITY IN THE CONDUCT OF THE PUBLIC'S BUSINESS; AMENDING RESOLUTION 2011-61; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Cutler Bay Town Council ("Council") are the elected leaders closest to the people; and

**WHEREAS**, the elected town officials are in a unique position to have a positive impact on behavior, both individually and collectively, and to lead by example; and

**WHEREAS**, 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 face up to the challenges facing our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, we therefore hereby recommit ourselves 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 disagree.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA,**

**Section 1. Recitals.** The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 2. Commitment.** The Town Council hereby recommitments ourselves to maintaining civility in our public and political discourse and we hereby pledge 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 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.

**Section 3. Pledge.** We hereby further pledge 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.

**Section 4. Town Clerk Directed.** The town clerk is hereby directed to post this resolution on the town's website. The town clerk is further directed to place the provisions within Section 2 of this resolution on each Town Council and advisory board agenda.

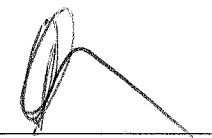
**Section 5. Resolution 2011-61 Amended.** Resolution 2011-61 is hereby amended to include the provisions of Section 2 of this resolution.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2011.

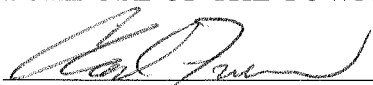
  
EDWARD P. MACDOUGALL, Mayor

Attest:

  
ESTHER B. COULSON  
Town Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE  
SOLE USE OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY:

  
WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN PASTORIZA  
COLE & BONISKE, P.L.  
Town Attorney

Moved By: Councilmember Bell  
Seconded By: Councilmember Loyzelle

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

Mayor Edward P. MacDougall Yes

Vice Mayor Ernest N. Sochin Yes

Councilmember Peggy R. Bell Yes

Councilmember Mary Ann Mixon Yes

Councilmember Sue Ellen Loyzelle Yes