

RESOLUTION NO. 21-1757

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE IMMEDIATE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CURRICULUM SET FORTH IN FLORIDA HOUSE BILL 5; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE TOWN CLERK; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (DIEGUEZ)

WHEREAS, the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation in Washington, D.C. is a nonprofit organization, authorized by a unanimous Act of the United States Congress that educates people about the ideology, history, and legacy of communism and honors the people who have suffered and died under communist regimes; and

WHEREAS, during the 2019 Legislative Session of the Florida Legislature the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation worked closely with members of the Florida Legislature to introduce House Bill 5, which provides for a comparative discussion of “political ideologies, such as communism and totalitarianism, that conflict with the principles of freedom and democracy essential to the founding principles of the United States” in required social studies curricula: and

WHEREAS, House Bill 5 provides that said curricula should provide for: 1. An understanding of students’ shared rights and responsibilities as residents of the state and of the founding principles of the United States, 2. A sense of civic pride and desire to participate regularly with government at the local, state, and federal levels, 3. An understanding of the process for effectively advocating before government bodies and officials, and 4. An understanding of the civic-minded expectations developed by the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 5 will ensure that social studies curricula “curate oral history resources to be used along with the civic education curriculum which will provide **portraits in patriotism** based on the personal stories of diverse individuals who demonstrate civic-minded qualities, including first-person accounts of victims of other nations’ governing philosophies; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 5 was recently signed into law by Governor DeSantis; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Miami Lakes (“the Town”) Council, has determined that the curriculum criteria contained in HB 5 is crucial to establishing a holistic view of various political ideologies that conflict with the traditional values that have made the United States the world’s greatest democracy; and

WHEREAS, for the forgoing reason the Town Council, during their June 2021 Council Meeting, found it necessary to urge Miami-Dade County Public Schools adopt the policies and curriculum criteria set forth in House Bill 5 in an expedited manner for the upcoming school year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section1. Recitals. The foregoing Recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section2. Support for the Immediate Implementation of the Curriculum Set Forth in House Bill 5. The Town Council hereby supports and urges the School Board of Miami-Dade County to immediately implement the curriculum set forth in House Bill 5 (2021).


Section 3. Instructions to the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk is hereby instructed to provide a copy of this Resolution to all Miami-Dade School Board Members, the Superintendent of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and a copy of this resolution be presented to the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Passed and adopted this 13th day of July 2021.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Vice Mayor Collazo who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fernandez and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Manny Cid	yes
Vice Mayor Luis E. Collazo	yes
Councilmember Carlos O. Alvarez	Absent
Councilmember Josh Dieguez	yes
Councilmember Tony Fernandez	yes
Councilmember Jeffrey Rodriguez	Absent
Councilmember Marilyn Ruano	yes



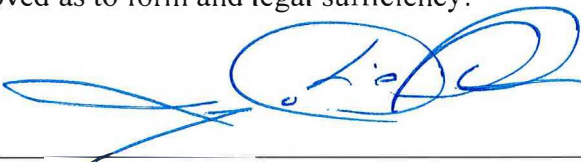
MANNY CID
MAYOR

Attest:



Gina M. Inguanzo
TOWN CLERK

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



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TOWN ATTORNEY