

RESOLUTION No. 03- 138

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF
THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA;
PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY AS
“CIVILITY MONTH” AND ADOPTING A PLEDGE
OF CIVILITY WITHIN THE TOWN; PROVIDING
FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, The open exchange of public discourse is essential to the democratic system of government; and

WHEREAS, as a cornerstone of democracy, Americans have observed certain rules of behavior generally known as civility; and

WHEREAS, civility, derived from the word “civitas” meaning city and “civus” meaning citizen, is behavior worthy of citizens living in a community or in common with others; and

WHEREAS, displays of anger, rudeness, ridicule, impatience and a lack of respect and personal attacks detract from the open exchange of ideas, prevent fair discussion of the issues and can discourage individuals from participation in government; and

WHEREAS, civility can assist in reaching consensus on diverse issues and allow for mutually respectful ongoing relationships; and

WHEREAS, civility can uplift our daily life and make it more pleasant to live in an organized society; and

WHEREAS, the City, County and Local Government Law Section of the Florida Bar urges the adoption of a pledge of civility by all citizens in the State of Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Miami Lakes, Florida that

Section 1. the Month of May is hereby proclaimed as “Civility Month” in the Town of Miami Lakes.

Section 2. the Town Council hereby adopts a pledge of Civility and calls upon all citizens and the Town Council to exercise civility toward each other.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of May, 2003

Wayne Slaton
Wayne Slaton, MAYOR

Attest:

Beatris M. Arguelles
Beatris M. Arguelles, CMC
TOWN CLERK

Approved as to form and legality for the use
and benefit of the Town of Miami Lakes only:

WTHQ
Weiss, Serota, Helfman, Pastoriza, Guedes,
Cole & Boniske, P.A.
TOWN ATTORNEY

Council voted _____ as follows:	
Mayor Wayne Slaton	_____
Vice Mayor Roberto Alonso	_____
Councilmember Mary Collins	_____
Councilmember Robert Meador	_____
Councilmember Michael Pizzi	_____
Councilmember Nancy Simon	_____
Councilmember Peter Thomson	_____