RESOLUTION NO. 10-<u>803</u>

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA; PROCLAIMING THE YEAR 2010 AS "10TH ANNIVERSARY CIVILITY YEAR" 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, The Town of Miami Lakes wishes to promote respect for the right of all to express their opinion, while also respecting the rights of others to do the same;

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

WHEREAS, it is important to promote civility and decorum for all citizens and elected officials; and

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

WHEREAS, civility and respect for all citizens is an important goal to be promoted by the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to show leadership in civility which can uplift our daily life and make it more pleasant to live in an organized society;

WHEREAS, setting an example for our children by engaging in civility on a voluntary basis in no way discourages open debate, but in fact encourages more debate;

WHEREAS, naming one month civility month serves as a reminder to engage in civility on an ongoing basis;

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

<u>Section 1.</u> <u>Recitals.</u> The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Designation of "Civility Year". The year 2010 shall be designated as "Miami Lakes 10th Anniversary Civility Year" and a Pledge of Civility shall be adopted.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 31st day of March, 2010.

Motion to adopt by Mayor Pizzi, second by Councilmember Collins.

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION

Mayor Michael Pizzi	yes
Vice Mayor Nick Perdomo	yes
Councilmember Mary Collins	yes
Councilmember George Lopez	yes
Councilmember Robert Meador II	yes
Councilmember Richard Pulido	yes
Councilmember Nancy Simon	yes

Michael Pizzi MAYOR

ATTEST:

Mafjorie Tejeda TOWN CLERK

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

Weiss, Serota, Helfman, Pastoriza, Cole & Boniske, P.L.

TOWN ATTORNEY