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Miami Beach Embraces Diversity

– Unanimously approves prohibition on conversion therapy –

Miami Beach, FL: After second reading today the City of Miami Beach Mayor and commission unanimously voted to prohibit conversion therapy in the City of Miami Beach. This is a prohibition on conversion therapy counseling, practices, and treatments by state licensed professionals in the City of Miami Beach. The prohibitions set forth in the Ordinance would apply to medical practitioners, osteopathic practitioners, psychologists, psychotherapists, social workers, marriage and family therapists, and licensed counselors.

This therapy has been denounced by national psychology and psychiatry associations and academies as ineffective, unsupported by credible evidence, and a potentially harmful practice. Some other cities and states across the nation that have begun to adopt laws prohibiting conversion therapy including California, Illinois, New Jersey, Oregon, the District of Columbia and the City of Cincinnati.

“The City of Miami Beach is well known for its diversity and acceptance of all. This resolution reinforces this and sets a precedent for other cities across the nation,” said Commissioner John Elizabeth Alemàn. “By passing this ordinance we are sending the right message about how people deserve to be treated.”

The city code is hereby amended to reflect this prohibition.

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