

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-3555

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA;
EXPRESSING THE CITY'S INTENT TO
DECLARE THAT THE FREEDOM FROM
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS A FUNDAMENTAL
HUMAN RIGHT; EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Springs seeks to enhance the public welfare by declaring that the protection against domestic violence is a fundamental human right; and,

WHEREAS, survivors of domestic violence must deal with the effects of physical injuries, long-term psychological damage, financial instability, and trouble finding safe housing; and,

WHEREAS, more than one in three women and more than one in four men in the United States will experience rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner at some point in their lives; and this problem disproportionately impacts women of color, women with disabilities, women with low income, and immigrant women within Miami-Dade County, as well as their children; and,

WHEREAS, according to 2011 Uniform Crime Reports, of the 111, 681 reported domestic violence offenses statewide, 9,313 occurred in Miami-Dade County, representing the highest number of domestic violence cases of any county in Florida; and,

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WHEREAS, world leaders and leaders within the United States recognize that domestic violence is a human rights concern; and police and sheriffs departments, courts, counties, cities, social service agencies, and other local government entities constitute the first line of defense against domestic violence; and,

WHEREAS, by recognizing that domestic violence is a human rights violation, Miami-Dade County will raise awareness and enhance domestic violence education in communities, the public and private sectors, and within government agencies:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Miami Springs hereby expresses its intent to join world leaders and leaders within the United States in recognition of domestic violence as a human rights concern and declares that the freedom from domestic violence is a fundamental human right.

Section 2: That this Resolution shall serve as a declaration to assure the residents of the City that state and local governments bear a moral responsibility to secure this human right on behalf of their residents.

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Section 3: That this Resolution shall serve as a charge to all local government agencies to incorporate these principles into their policies and practices.

Section 4: That a copy of this Resolution is to be sent to the Mayor, the Honorable Chair and Members of the Board of County Commissioners, the Director of the Miami-Dade Police Department, the Mayor and Commission and Council member of each municipality within Miami-Dade County.

Section 5: That the provisions of this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

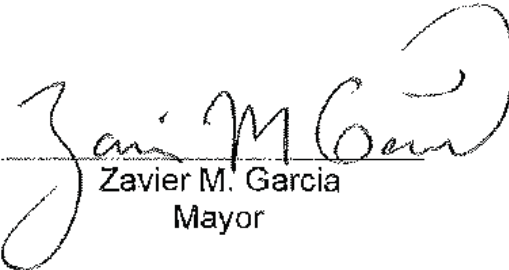
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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Miami Springs, Florida,
this 10th day of September, 2012.

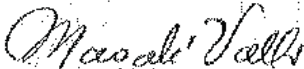
The motion to adopt the foregoing resolution was offered by
Councilman Best, seconded by Councilwoman Bain, and on
roll call the following vote ensued:

Vice Mayor Lob	"aye"
Councilman Best	"aye"
Councilwoman Bain	"aye"
Councilwoman Ator	"aye"
Mayor Garcia	"aye"




Zavier M. Garcia
Mayor

ATTEST:


Magali Valls, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO LEGALITY AND FORM:


Jan K. Seiden, City Attorney

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