

**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.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

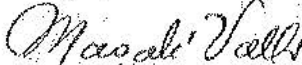
The motion to adopt the foregoing resolution was offered by  
Councilman Best, seconded by Councilwoman Bain, and on  
roll call the following vote ensued:

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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