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# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: City Attorney Ricardo J. Dopico

DATE: June 26, 2024

TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING JUNE 26, 2024 AS THE "MARRIAGE EQUALITY DAY" IN THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH.

### **ANALYSIS**

The attached Resolution was prepared at the request of the sponsor, Commissioner Alex Fernandez.

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **Applicable Area**

Citywide

**Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?**

No

**Is this item related to a G.O. Bond Project?**

No

**Was this Agenda Item initially requested by a lobbyist which, as defined in Code Sec. 2-481, includes a principal engaged in lobbying?** No

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s):

### **Department**

City Attorney

### **Sponsor(s)**

Commissioner Alex Fernandez

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION  
OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING  
JUNE 26, 2024 AS THE "MARRIAGE EQUALITY DAY" IN  
THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH.**

**WHEREAS**, on June 26, 2015, in a landmark Supreme Court decision *Obergefell v. Hodges*, marriage equality became the law of the land and granted same-sex couples in all 50 states the fundamental right to marry under the U.S. Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the road to nationwide marriage equality was a long one, spanning decades of resistance and history and culminating in victory in June 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the long fight for marriage equality, the City of Miami Beach was at the forefront of promoting marriage equality; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2004, the Mayor and City Commission adopted an ordinance creating a domestic-partnership registry giving unmarried couples, including same-sex couples, with legal rights including hospital visitation, participation in healthcare decisions and emergency medical notification; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2013, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Ordinance No. 2013-3803, which provided tax equity to City employees with domestic partners, including same-sex couples who were in domestic partnerships and were being taxed on the payments they make on their health insurance benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, many of the City's employees, residents, and visitors are same-sex couples and the landmark victory in *Obergefell* has dramatically changed the course of their lives and their families' lives; and

**WHEREAS**, continued acknowledgement and support of the fundamental right to same-sex marriage has become more important than ever, in light of the Supreme Court's opinion overruling *Roe v. Wade*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court's willingness to overturn high-profile precedents has alarmed many legal experts, as well as the LGBTQ community about the status and longevity of a recently established fundamental right to same-sex marriage; and

**WHEREAS**, as follows, the Mayor and City Commission wish to reaffirm their commitment to marriage equality and wish to declare June 26, 2024 as the "Marriage Equality Day" in the City of Miami Beach.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA**, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby designate June 26, 2024 as the "Marriage Equality Day" in the City of Miami Beach.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.


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Steven Meiner, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(sponsored by Commissioner Alex J. Fernandez)

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

6/17/2024  
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Date