

RESOLUTION NO. R2022-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, CENSURING COMMISSIONER BARBARA KRAMER FOR UNACCEPTABLE AND INEXCUSABLE BEHAVIOR EXHIBITED TOWARD HER COLLEAGUES ON THE CITY COMMISSION WHICH SEEKS TO ENCOURAGE DIVISION IN THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami Beach is recognized as a city of diverse and rich cultural heritage where residents are able to share their diverse experience to make the City a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, members of the City Commission have sought harmony among the diverse groups in the City; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Kramer has made, and continues to make, inflammatory and racially charged comments toward her colleagues on the commission; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Kramer has referred to Commissioner Michael Joseph as a third of a man, which echoes according to Commissioner Joseph the now removed “three-fifths clause” of the United States Constitution, where black slaves were counted as three-fifths of a white individual; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Kramer, at public meetings, refers to her Black colleagues as “you people” and constantly yells at them like they are children when comments are made with which she disagrees; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Kramer constantly used her social media page to attack her Black colleagues by posting racially charged comments from a blogger, who once posted an electronic Blackface of the current African-American City Manager to ridicule the City Manager, and Commissioner Kramer reposted comments from the blogger included calling only Black officials criminals, corrupt and dumb even though these Black officials are not under any criminal investigation; and

WHEREAS, certain members of the City Commission have tried to caution, to no avail, Commissioner Kramer about her unacceptable and inexcusable behavior and she refused to apologize for her behavior; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that approving this resolution is necessary to put Commissioner Kramer on formal notice that her behavior is unacceptable and will not be tolerated by the City Commission of North Miami Beach.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Commission of the City of North Miami Beach, Florida, that:

Section 1. The above stated recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. The City Commission hereby censures Commissioner Barbara Kramer for the unacceptable and inexcusable behavior which seeks to create division in the North Miami Beach community with racially charged comments toward her Black colleagues.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon approval.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City of North Miami Beach City Commission at the regular meeting assembled this **15th day of February, 2022.**

ATTEST:

ANDRISE BERNARD, MMC
CITY CLERK

ANTHONY F. DEFILLIPO
MAYOR

(CITY SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM, LANGUAGE
AND FOR EXECUTION

HANS OTTINOT
INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

Sponsored By: Commissioner Paule Villard