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PRESS RELEASE

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**Miami Beach Supports National PTA Resolution on LGBTQ Youth**  
— *Adopting a Policy of Inclusiveness in All City-Operated Youth Programs* —

**Miami Beach, FL** – The Miami Beach Mayor and City Commission have been at the forefront of championing the rights of the LGBTQ community. As such, they have passed a resolution supporting the National Parent Teacher Association’s (PTA) resolution on LGBTQ individuals as a protected class and adopting a policy of inclusiveness in all city-operated, city-sponsored and city-partnered youth programs.

“We are proud to stand with the National PTA to ensure LGBTQ individuals are recognized as a protected class — an effort to protect students from bullying and discrimination,” said Commissioner Micky Steinberg.

The city's Parks and Recreation Department already has an established Anti-Bullying Policy, which applies to all of its programs and facilities, and which is required to be acknowledged and signed by all parents/guardians and by all participants prior to participating in any youth program.

“This action emphasizes our commitment for LGBTQ youth to ensure a safe and inclusive environment for all students,” added Commissioner John Elizabeth Alemán.

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