

RESOLUTION NO. 13-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING THE CITY OF DORAL TO BE A MULTILINGUAL AND MULTICULTURAL CITY WHERE THE ENGLISH AND SPANISH LANGUAGES ALONG WITH OTHER LANGUAGES SPOKEN IN DORAL ARE FOUND TO THRIVE AND CO-EXIST SUCCESSFULLY; AND THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE CITY OF DORAL'S OFFICIAL AND MAIN UNIFYING LANGUAGE IS ENGLISH WHILE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGING SPANISH AS THE SECOND OFFICIAL MOST USED AND SPOKEN LANGUAGE IN THE CITY OF DORAL; ALLOWING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, although English and Spanish are the most commonly used languages for business and culture in the City of Doral, many residents and visitors also communicate in many other languages from their native countries; and

WHEREAS, the demographic makeup of the City of Doral includes approximately 75 different nationalities, with the largest segment consisting of Spanish speakers that comprise approximately eighty two percent (82%) of the City's population; and

WHEREAS, the Spanish language has been spoken in Florida on a continuous basis since September 1565, when the Spanish explorer and admiral Pedro Menendez de Aviles founded St. Augustine (Spanish: San Agustin), the oldest continuously occupied European established city in the continental United States; and

WHEREAS, St. Augustine was founded over 41 years before Jamestown, Virginia, the first permanent English Speaking settlement in the Americas, founded on May 1607; and

WHEREAS, the history of the City of Doral has been beneficially and inextricably interlaced with the history of our Spanish-speaking population; and

WHEREAS, the City of Doral has also become a gateway to and from Latin America, providing visitors and businesspeople a center of economic and cultural exchange; and

WHEREAS, the City of Doral's economy has benefited tremendously from large amounts of visitors, international investments, and the jobs they create.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Doral is hereby designated a multilingual and multicultural city, where the English and Spanish languages along with other languages spoken in Doral are found to thrive and co-exist successfully, and the Mayor and Council hereby acknowledge that the City of Doral's official and main unifying language is English, while also acknowledging Spanish as the second official most used and spoken language in the City of Doral.

Section 2. The City of Doral will continue conducting its Council and Advisory Board meetings along with all other official government business in the English language. By the passage of this Resolution the City of Doral will not incur any additional monetary expense.

Section 3. Nothing in this Resolution shall prohibit the City of Doral translating, as has been past practice, any City brochure, document, video, etc., into Spanish, Portuguese, Mandarin, or any other language for the purpose of attracting foreign investment and stimulating the economic development of Doral, in furtherance of the security and the social welfare of Doral's residents.

Section 4. The City of Doral further resolves to welcome visitors and merchants from English, Spanish, and Portuguese speaking countries, Europe, Africa, and Asia to our community to thereby further enrich our cultural mix and contribute to the economic standing of the City of Doral.

Section 5. The passage of this Resolution shall be consistent with Federal law.

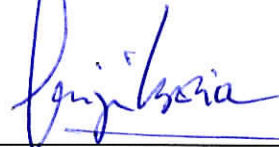
Section 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

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The foregoing Resolution was offered by Mayor Boria who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Rodriguez and upon being put to a vote, the vote was follows:


Mayor Luigi Boria	Yes
Vice Mayor Bettina Rodriguez Aguilera	Yes
Councilwoman Christi Fraga	No
Councilwoman Ana Maria Rodriguez	Yes
Councilwoman Sandra Ruiz	No

PASSED and ADOPTED this 18th day of March, 2018.



LUIGI BORIA, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BARBARA HERRERA, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JIMMY L. MORALES, CITY ATTORNEY