Agenda Item #: **3A-2** 

## PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: June 15, 2021	[X] Consent [ ] Ordinance		gular blic Hearing			
Department: Administration						
I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF						
Motion and Title: Staff recommend Beach County's ongoing commitment that values the diversity of our commu- anti-government extremism that incre and extremism through engagement adopt these values in their own lives, a	to cultivating an inclunity, denouncing doreases the likelihood with community lead	lusive, safe mestic terro of violence lers, and ui	, and just society orism; denouncing , countering hate rging residents to			
Summary: The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) has requested cities and counties across the country to adopt resolutions denouncing hate and extremism. ADL's report on Murder and Extremism in the United States in 2019 found that domestic extremists cilled at least 42 people in the United States in 17 separate incidents in 2019, making 2019 the sixth deadliest year on record for domestic extremist-related killings since 1970. This rise in domestic terrorism has furthered the ADL's mission to fight to end the spread of hate, bigotry, and harassment based on race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, sex, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, or any other protected characteristic as defined by law. Recent calls to action from the ADL have defended democratic institutions and brought attention to disinformation, misinformation, and online conspiracy theories that are spreading and inspiring real-world violence. This Resolution affirms an ongoing commitment to cultivating an inclusive, safe, and just society that values the diversity of our community and denounces hate and extremism to help keep us all safe. Countywide (AH)						
Background and Justification (or Policy Issues): The ADL, founded over 100 years ago, is the world's leading organization fighting anti-Semitism. ADL pursues fair treatment for all through legislative initiatives, the courts and in public venues at the grassroots level. The ADL is pursuing similar resolutions for adoption in jurisdictions throughout the country.						
Attachments:						
1. Resolution						
Recommended by:Departme	<b>A</b> nt Director		Date			
Approved By:  Assistant	Survey County Administrat		6(10   2021 Date			

### II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

## A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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Fiscal Years					
Capital Expanditures					
Expenditures Operating Costs					
External					
Revenues					
Program					
Income(County)					
In-Kind					
Match(County					
NET FISCAL					
MPACT ADDITIONAL					
FTE					
POSITIONS					
CUMULATIVE					
. Departmental	Fiscal Review:				
	III. REVIE	W COMMEN	TS:		
A. OFMB Fis	scal and/or Contract Dev.	and Control	Comments:	a	
OF  Legal Suff	MB A 4.821  W 6/8/21	Contra	ct Dev. & Co	ntrol	W6/8/2
Assistant	County Attorney				
C. Other Dep	partment Review				

**Department Director** 

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AFFIRMING ITS ONGOING COMMITMENT TO CULTIVATING AN INCLUSIVE, SAFE, AND JUST SOCIETY AND CULTURE THAT VALUES THE DIVERSITY OF OUR COMMUNITY; DENOUNCING ALL INCIDENTS OF **DOMESTIC** TERRORISM IN OUR NATION, DENOUNCING ANTI-GOVERNMENT EXTREMISM THAT INCREASES THE LIKELIHOOD OF VIOLENCE AND ACTIONS IN BIAS-MOTIVATED VIOLENT OUR COMMITTING TO COUNTERING HATE AND EXTREMISM THROUGH ENGAGEMENT WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS; URGING RESIDENTS TO ADOPT THESE VALUES IN THEIR OWN LIVES, CALLING ATTENTION TO THESE HARMS, AND DENOUNCING HATE AND EXTREMISM TO HELP KEEP US ALL SAFE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS,** Palm Beach County is committed to defending democratic institutions, the integrity of our elections, and the security of people and facilities that carry out the democratic process; and

**WHEREAS,** Palm Beach County is committed to ending the spread of hate, bigotry, and harassment based on race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, sex, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, or any other protected characteristic as defined by law; and

**WHEREAS**, Palm Beach County wishes to affirm its commitment to the well-being and safety of all of its community members and to ensure that they will be protected and their rights respected; and

**WHEREAS,** Palm Beach County wishes to affirm its commitment to cultivating an inclusive community; and

**WHEREAS**, the diversity of our community is beneficial to all within it, making us stronger and more resilient; and

WHEREAS, elected leaders should promote inclusiveness; celebrate diversity; work to ensure equitable opportunities in all major facets of society; prevent the spread of misinformation and disinformation; and reject hate and bias in all forms and should set a positive example for their constituents in this regard; and

**WHEREAS**, ADL's report on Murder and Extremism in the United States in 2019 found that domestic extremists killed at least 42 people in the United States in 17 separate incidents in 2019, making 2019 the sixth deadliest year on record for domestic extremist-related killings since 1970; and

**WHEREAS,** disinformation, misinformation, and online conspiracy theories are spreading and inspiring real-world violence; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County supports the peaceful exercise of free speech, free assembly, and freedom to worship safely for all people.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

1. Palm Beach County affirms its ongoing commitment to cultivating an inclusive, safe, and just society and culture that values the diversity of our community, works

- to ensure equitable opportunities in all major facets of society, and celebrates both our individuality and commonality.
- 2. Palm Beach County denounces incidents of domestic terrorism in our nation.
- 3. Palm Beach County denounces anti-government extremism, conspiracy theories, misinformation, and disinformation that cultivate an alienated and mistrustful electorate, undermine democratic institutions and processes, and increase the likelihood of violence and bias-motivated violent actions in our community.
- 4. Palm Beach County commits to countering hate and extremism through engagement with community leaders, governmental transparency and public information-sharing regarding efforts to fight extremism, and the investigation and prosecution of those who commit criminal acts, consistent with civil liberties protections.
- 5. Palm Beach County urges residents to join us by adopting these values in their own lives, calling attention to these harms, and denouncing hate and extremism to help keep us all safe.

This Resolution shall become effective i	mmediately upon its adoption.			
The foregoing resolution was offered by Co its adoption. The motion was seconded k upon being put to a vote, the vote was as for	ommissioner, who moved by Commissioner, and billows:			
DAVE KERNER, Mayor	-			
ROBERT S. WEINROTH, Vic	e Mayor -			
COMMISSIONER MARIA MA	ARINO -			
COMMISSIONER GREGG K	COMMISSIONER GREGG K. WEISS -			
COMMISSIONER MARIA SA	COMMISSIONER MARIA SACHS -			
COMMISSIONER MELISSA	COMMISSIONER MELISSA MCKINLAY -			
COMMISSIONER MACK BEI	RNARD -			
The Mayor thereupon declared the res day of, 2021.	solution duly passed and adopted on this			
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY	PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS JOSEPH ABRUZZO, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER			
BY:	BY:			
Senior Assistant County Attorney	Deputy Clerk			