

CITY OF TAMARAC, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. R-2021 \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TAMARAC, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE ATHENIAN OATH AS A TIMELESS CODE OF CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY, ADOPTING THE OATH AND AGREEING TO TAKE THE OATH TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF ITS TENETS; REQUIRING THE CITY MANAGER, DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS, DEPARTMENT ASSISTANTS, AND CITY BOARD MEMBERS TAKE THE OATH; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO CREATE A TEMPLATE OF THE OATH; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, the Athenian Oath, with origins going back over 2000 years, was an oath recited by those living in Athens, Greece, upon becoming citizens of the city, and it is frequently referenced by educational institutions and civic leaders in modern times as a timeless code of civic responsibility; and

WHEREAS, with some minor changes and varying translations throughout history, the Athenian Oath states, *"We will never bring disgrace on this our City by an act of dishonesty or cowardice. We will fight for the ideals and sacred things of the City, both alone and with many. We will revere and obey the City's laws and will do our best to incite a like reverence and respect in those above us who are prone to annul them or set them at naught. We will strive unceasingly to quicken the public's sense of civic duty. Thus, in all these ways, we will transmit this City not only not less, but greater and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us";* and

WHEREAS, the Oath is about being a true public servant and a true citizen and is a reminder of what it means to strive for excellence in public service and in undertaking one's responsibilities to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission honors the Athenian Oath and its tenets, and hereby pledges to lead by its instruction; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that it is in the City's best interest for all City boards, department directors, and department assistants to take the Athenian Oath.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TAMARAC, FLORIDA, THAT:

SECTION 1: The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2: The City Commission honors the Athenian Oath, and in doing so hereby adopts the Oath and agrees to take the Oath, with a copy of the signed Oath being placed in the public records of the City of Tamarac.

SECTION 3: The City Commission hereby requires the City Manager, department directors and department assistants to take the Oath, as soon as practicable, or upon employment with the City, with a copy of the signed Oath being placed in each employee's personnel file.

SECTION 5: The City Commission directs that all members of the various City boards be given the Oath, with a copy of the signed Oath being placed in the public records of the City of Tamarac.

SECTION 6: The City Clerk is directed to create a City of Tamarac Athenian Oath template to be executed by elected officials, board members and employees in accordance with this Resolution.

SECTION 7: All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 8: If any clause, section, other part or application of this Resolution is held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part or application, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Resolution.

SECTION 9: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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MICHELLE J. GOMEZ  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JENNIFER JOHNSON, CMC  
CITY CLERK

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have  
approved this RESOLUTION as to form.

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HANS OTTINOT  
CITY ATTORNEY