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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners
Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Michael Rajner, Chair 
Broward County Human Rights Board

RE: **Human Rights Board - Recommendation to join the Florida Hate Crime Coalition**

This memorandum is to advise that the Human Rights Board (HRB) at their February 11, 2019 meeting, voted unanimously to recommend that the Broward County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) join the Florida Hate Crime Coalition (FHCC), or in the alternative provide permission to the HRB to join the FHCC. The FHCC was established in 2016 by the Anti-Defamation League and supports legislation to strengthen Florida's hate crime laws.

The FHCC supports *SB 940/HB 743* sponsored by Sen. Kevin Rader and Rep. Joseph Geller that seeks to include hate crimes committed because of disability, gender, and gender identity. The legislation also includes "association with" and "mixed motive" hate crimes.

Motion requesting permission from the Board of County Commissioners, for the Human Rights Board and/or the Board of County Commissioners to join the Florida Hate Crime Coalition.

On behalf of the HRB, thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

MR/RW

Attachments

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Priscilla Coq, Manager, Professional Standards & Human Rights Section
Human Rights Board