RESOLUTION NO. <u>17-07</u>

A RESOLUTION OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC., CALLING FOR UNITY AND EMBRACING DIVERSITY WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc. believes that one of the greatest strengths of our cities, towns and villages is their history of diversity, which has greatly enriched the local communities with a variety of cultures, faith traditions and viewpoints; and

WHEREAS, the League further believes that positive relationships and trust between all persons regardless of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, physical ability or familial status, are critical to maintaining peaceful, safe and welcoming communities; and

WHEREAS, the League further believes it is important to illuminate the values and characteristics which reflect what our communities are truly about, and to recognize that calls for unity vastly outnumber calls for division; and

WHEREAS, the League strongly encourages community leaders and residents to continue their mission of promoting, fostering and encouraging diversity, and to continue engaging in peaceful, open and honest dialogue about resolving differences; and

WHEREAS, the League further encourages community leaders and residents to celebrate our commonalities as human beings and citizens of the great State of Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC. THAT:

<u>Section 1</u>: The Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc. reaffirms its commitment to promoting and encouraging peaceful, safe and welcoming communities, and further declares that harmful, hateful acts have no place in our society. The Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc. further encourages all community leaders and citizens to reach out in kindness to one another, support the most vulnerable, discourage acts of hostility and hate, and embrace diversity, which will help build community trust and promote unity.

Section 2: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this <u>22nd</u> day of November, 2017.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC. Keith James, Esq., President

EAL)

EST:

Mo Thornton, Secretary/Treasurer