

**RESOLUTION NO. 2003- 30**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA SUPPORTING “COEXISTENCE”, AN INTERNATIONAL OUTDOOR ART EXHIBIT PRESENTED BY THE DADE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION’S MIAMI FELLOWS INITIATIVE AND MIAMI-DADE COLLEGE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Coexistence is an international, juried, thought-provoking, billboard-size, outdoor art exhibition created by more than 40 artists from around the world and produced by the Museum of the Seam for Dialogue, Understanding & Coexistence in Jerusalem; and

**WHEREAS**, Coexistence is currently touring the world and is scheduled to be in Miami, as the first exhibit city in North America, from Sunday, November 2 through Sunday, December 7, 2003 at the Miami-Dade College Wolfson Campus; and

**WHEREAS**, Coexistence has been hosted in other global cities, including but not limited to, Jerusalem, Belfast, Luxembourg, Sarajevo, Bern, Berlin, Copenhagen, Zurich, Cape Town, Vienna, and Amsterdam; and

**WHEREAS**, Coexistence will be showcased on the grounds of Miami-Dade College, Wolfson Campus, in downtown Miami, in celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Miami Book Fair International; and

**WHEREAS**, Coexistence will bear giant images having a powerful impact on the City of Miami Gardens and South Florida and further providing visitors an opportunity to reflect on the community’s differences and similarities and thus helping the City’s communities to affirm their core values regarding tolerance and respect for others; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dade Community Foundation’s Miami Fellows Initiative and Miami-Dade College are spearheading the installation of the Exhibit in conjunction with many community organizations and the arts community; and

**WHEREAS**, art is seen as a language with no boundaries and thus the Coexistence Exhibit is expected to speak to all nationalities, all ethnicities, all religions and all ages throughout the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Coexistence will also encompass other community wide activities, including but not limited to, proclaiming the month of November “Coexistence” month, school field trips to the exhibition for public & private schools, classroom workshops regarding the Coexistence curriculum, art competition in public/private schools & universities, local professional artists’ competition, roundtable/town hall meetings, faith-based conversations, other interactive activities and conversations;

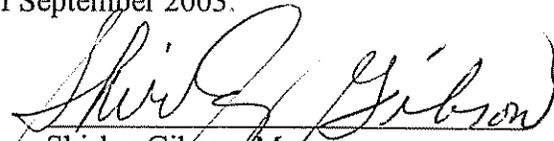
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOW:

**Section 1. Expression of Support.** The City Council of the City of Miami Gardens is fully supportive of "Coexistence," and international outdoor art exhibit.

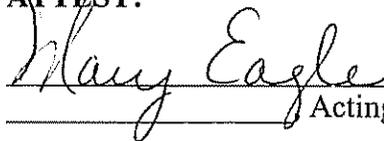
**Section 2. Transmittal of Resolution.** The City Manager is hereby directed to ensure that a copy of this resolution is provided to the Miami Fellows Initiative.

**Section 3. Effective date.** This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

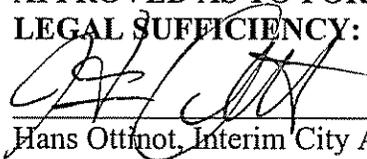
PASSED and ADOPTED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2003.

  
Shirley Gibson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Acting City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

  
Hans Ottmott, Interim City Attorney

Moved by: Councilwoman King

Seconded by: Councilman Campbell

VOTE:

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| Mayor Shirley Gibson          | <u>  x  </u> | (Yes) | <u>      </u> | (No) |
| Vice Mayor Aaron Campbell     | <u>  x  </u> | (Yes) | <u>      </u> | (No) |
| Councilman Melvin L. Bratton  | <u>  x  </u> | (Yes) | <u>      </u> | (No) |
| Councilman Oscar Braynon II   | <u>  x  </u> | (Yes) | <u>      </u> | (No) |
| Councilwoman Audrey King      | <u>  x  </u> | (Yes) | <u>      </u> | (No) |
| Councilwoman Sharon Pritchett | <u>  x  </u> | (Yes) | <u>      </u> | (No) |
| Councilwoman Barbara Watson   | <u>  x  </u> | (Yes) | <u>      </u> | (No) |