## **RESOLUTION No. 25-**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE A PUBLIC RECORDS EXEMPTION FOR MUNICIPAL CLERKS, AND EMPLOYEES WHO PERFORM MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR A CITY; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, many municipal staff who perform duties that include, or result in, investigations into complaints regarding election fraud, legal enforcement of hearings that could lead to a criminal prosecution or code enforcement actions are exposed to threats and other acts of violence; and

WHEREAS, municipal clerks often administer elections and some election workers have been targeted for threats and violence due to the nature of materials they are responsible for; and

WHEREAS, municipal clerks are often involved in legal enforcement proceedings in actions related to violations of codes and ordinances and, occasionally, these proceedings have led to retaliation and threats by defendants; and

WHEREAS, currently, public records exemptions in Florida include those for local personnel who either investigate, enforce or otherwise provide a service that can result in contentious interactions when action is taken, and municipal clerks and their staff fall within the need for a window for greater protection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Association of City Clerks is very concerned for the safety and well-being of the municipal clerks and their staffs who serve the public on a daily basis and are, oftentimes, the first contact of citizens with cities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1.</u> Recitals. The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are ratified and confirmed as true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Urging the Florida State Legislature to Enact Legislation. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Doral, Florida, hereby urges and encourages the Florida State Legislature to enact legislation to provide a public records exemption for municipal clerks and employees who perform municipal elections work.

<u>Section 3.</u> <u>Transmittal.</u> The City Clerk is hereby directed and authorized to send a copy of this Resolution to the Florida League of Cities (FLC) and the Florida Association of City Clerks (FACC).

<u>Section 4.</u> <u>Effective Date.</u> This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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The foregoing Resolution was offered by			who moved i	ts adoption.	The motion
was seconde	ed by	_ and upon being pu	it to a vote, the	vote was as	follows:
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PASSED AN	ID ADOPTED th	nis 12 day of Februa	ry, 2025.		
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