



City of North Miami Beach, Florida
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

July 31, 2018

VIA Certified Mail

Freedom From Religion Foundation
Attn: Christopher Line
P.O. Box 750
Madison, WI 53701

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Re: Sponsorship of National Day of Prayer Events

Dear Mr. Christopher Line:

The City of North Miami Beach ("City") received your letter on behalf of the Freedom From Religion Foundation, dated June 26, 2018, regarding the City's sponsorship of National Day of Prayer events. The City strives to be inclusive of all residents and guests, regardless of religion, creed, race, color, national origin, disability, gender identity and sexual orientation. In sponsoring past National Day of Prayer events, the City's intent was not to be divisive nor portray the belief that the City prefers religion over non-religion, or Christianity over all other faiths. The City's intent was to gather the community and people of all faiths and backgrounds to unite and pray for the nation.

Nonetheless, the City is aware of the Constitutional limitations regarding its involvement in organized religious activities and the separation of church and state. Therefore, the City of North Miami Beach will refrain from further organization and promotion of the National Day of Prayer events.

Respectfully,

Esmond K. Scott
Interim City Manager

Cc: Beth E. Spiegel, Mayor
Sarah Johnston, Interim City Attorney
Pamela L. Latimore, City Clerk