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3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-60**  
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5 **RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE**  
6 **COMMISSION AND MEMBERS OF ALL**  
7 **BOARDS AND COMMITTEES OF THE**  
8 **VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK RE-**  
9 **EMPHASIZING OUR COMMITMENT TO**  
10 **MAINTAIN CIVILITY IN THE CONDUCT OF**  
11 **THE PUBLIC'S BUSINESS; PROVIDING FOR**  
12 **AN EFFECTIVE DATE**  
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15 WHEREAS our Village officials are the elected leaders closest to the people; and  
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17 WHEREAS our appointed members of all Village Boards and Committees are tasked with  
18 specific purpose that provides a benefit or service to Village residents; and  
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20 WHEREAS, our elected Village officials and appointed Board members are thus in a unique  
21 position to have a positive impact on behavior, both individually and collectively and to lead by  
22 example; and  
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24 WHEREAS, we hereby find public and political discourse often results in a confrontational  
25 atmosphere that often prevents the development of solid solutions to the problems facing our  
26 community; and,  
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28 WHEREAS, we further find only civil and honest public discourse can help us face up to the  
29 challenges facing our community; and,  
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31 WHEREAS, we therefore hereby recommit ourselves to building an atmosphere in which  
32 each person's opinion is respected and public and political discourse are aimed at confronting the  
33 problems facing our community and not at those with whom we disagree.  
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35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE  
36 VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA  
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39 **Section 1.** Elected officials and appointed Board and Committee members for the  
40 Village of Biscayne Park hereby recommit ourselves to maintaining civility in our public and  
41 political discourse and we hereby pledge our commitment to the following principals:  
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- 43 • We will respect the right of all citizens in our community to hold different opinions;
- 44 • We will avoid rhetoric intended to humiliate, illegitimize or question the wisdom of  
45 those whose opinions are different from ours;
- 46 • We will strive to understand differing perspectives;
- 47 • We will choose our words carefully;
- 48 • We will speak truthfully without accusation and we will avoid distortion; and
- 49 • We will speak out against violence, prejudice and incivility in all of their forms,  
50 whenever and wherever they occur.  
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52 **Section 2.** We hereby further pledge to exhibit and encourage the kinds of personal  
53 qualities that are emblematic of predominate our communities and society in general,  
54 gratitude, humility, openness, passion for service to others, propriety, kindness, honesty,  
55 caring, faith, sense of duty, and a commitment to doing what is right.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013



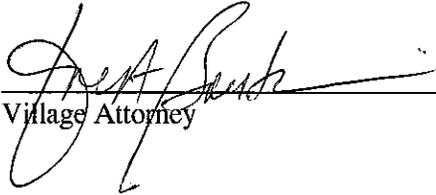
*FOR* Noah Jacobs, Mayor

Attest:



Maria C. Camara, Village Clerk

Approved as to form:

  
Village Attorney

**The foregoing resolution upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:**

Mayor Jacobs: No  
Vice Mayor Anderson: Yes  
Commissioner Cooper: No  
Commissioner Ross: Yes  
Commissioner Watts: Yes