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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Miami Beach Gets Tough on Bullying** *Launch of Community of Respect & No Place for Hate Initiative*

**Miami Beach, FL:** This year, over 13 million American kids will be bullied at school, online, on the bus, at home, through their cell phones, and on the streets of their towns, making it the most common form of violence young people in this country experience. Every school in the U.S. is grappling with bullying. Each day more than 160,000 kids across the country do not attend school because they are afraid of being bullied.

In an effort to create a safe, peaceful and respectful community for all, the City of Miami Beach, in partnership with the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and Miami-Dade Public School (M-DCPS), launch a Community of Respect & No Place for Hate (anti-bullying) initiative.

On Sunday, September 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the North Shore Bandshell, 7275 Collins Avenue, representatives from the community (students, teachers and parents) will gather for several discussions and presentations including the film screening of "Bully."

"Bully" documents and vividly depicts losses due to school violence and suicide. It is the first feature documentary film to show how everyone has been affected by bullying, whether as victims, perpetrators or stood as silent witness. Parental discretion is advised and it is recommended that children under 12 are accompanied by an adult.

Other presentations include an anti-bullying dramatization, "Spoken Word," by the Miami Beach Teen Club, Miami Heat's Alonzo Mourning, Jr. and Tim Hardaway, and a panel discussion by local experts. Local experts include Deborah Montilla, M-DCPS student services, Lily Medina, ADL representative, Hava Holzhauser, ADL regional director, Alex Arcay, ADL student ambassador, and Kathy Hersh, bullying prevention specialist.

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