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DECLARATION
FOR CANDIDATES COVERED BY THE MANDATORY PROVISION OF THE ETHICAL CAMPAIGN PRACTICES ORDINANCE

The mandatory practices of Ethical Campaign Practices Ordinance automatically extend to candidates and their respective campaign staffs for the Miami-Dade County Commission or Mayor; candidates and their respective campaign staffs for the Miami-Dade County and Rescue Service District Board; candidates and their respective campaign staffs for Miami-Dade Community Councils and candidates and their respective campaign staffs for any elective municipal elective office in Miami-Dade County. Furthermore, any candidate for public office in Miami-Dade County as described in the preceding sentence may at any time declare that he or she agrees to abide by the Statement of Fair Campaign Practices.

I, JACOB "HANK" SOPHER, a candidate for the office of COMMISSION GRP IV, agree to abide by the voluntary fair campaign practices as provided in Section 2-11.1.1(D)(1), of the Code of Miami-Dade County and recognize as compulsory the jurisdiction of the Ethics Commission. I further agree that the Ethics Commission will have the authority to decide whether I have violated the statement of fair campaign practices and, if a violation is found, the Ethics Commission has the authority to impose the appropriate penalty, if any.

The Statement of Fair Campaign Practices is enumerated below:

1. I shall not make my race, religion, national origin, gender, physical disability or sexual orientation an issue in my campaign.

2. I shall not make my opponents' race, religion, national origin, gender, physical disability or sexual orientation an issue in my campaign.

3. I will condemn any appeal to prejudice based on race, creed, national origin, religion, gender, physical disability or sexual orientation.

4. I shall not without just cause attack or question my opponent's patriotism.

5. I shall not publish, display or circulate any anonymous campaign literature or political advertisement.

6. I shall not tolerate my supporters engaging in these activities which I condemn nor shall I accept their continued support if they engage in such activities. I will not permit any member of my campaign organization to engage in these activities and will immediately and publicly repudiate the support of any other individual or group, which resorts to the methods and tactics I condemn.

7. I shall run a positive campaign emphasizing my qualifications for office and position on issues of public concern.

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8. I will limit my attacks on an opponent to legitimate challenges to that person's record, qualifications, and positions.

9. I will neither use nor permit the use of malicious untruths or innuendoes about an opponent's personal life, nor will I make or condone unfounded accusations discrediting that person's credibility.

10. I will take personal responsibility for approving or disavowing the substance of attacks on my opponent that may come from third parties supporting my candidacy.

11. I will not use or permit the use of campaign material that falsifies, distorts, or misrepresents facts.

Once the declaration is signed it is deemed irrevocable for the duration of the campaign.

Signature _____ Date 3/4/03

PLEASE FILE A COPY OF THIS FORM WITH THE MIAMI-DADE COMMISSION ON ETHICS AND PUBLIC TRUST AND THE MIAMI-DADE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS.

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