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Dear Broward Visitor:

Welcome to our great – and safe – community. We hope you will enjoy your time in Broward County.

I'd like to thank the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau (GFLCVB) for inviting me to pen this message of welcome to LGBT travelers. Tourism is an important component of our South Florida economy, and LGBT vacation and business travelers are a valued segment of our tourism market.

At the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO), we proudly value and embrace diversity. BSO has employment non-discrimination policies that explicitly extend protections to include the categories of sexual orientation and gender identity. That inclusive outlook extends into our hiring, as BSO proudly employs out lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender employees. LGBT employees are even represented in our senior command staff. Additionally, we have long included sensitivity and diversity components into our training programs for our deputies and our firefighter/paramedics.

BSO also works with the Pride Center, SunServe, and other community groups – including through our own Uniting Broward multicultural community outreach program – to make Broward County a friendly, inviting place for everyone to live in, work in, and visit.

If you need any emergency services – police or fire – anywhere in Broward County during your visit, be sure to call 9-1-1. If you need non-emergency assistance, please dial 954-764-HELP.

Once again, on behalf of the men and women of the Broward Sheriff's Office, I hope you enjoy your stay.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Scott J. Israel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Scott Israel
Sheriff