

# HIALEAH, FLORIDA



*Population Rank:* U.S. .... # 75  
Florida ..... # 5

*Proportions:* 2:3 (usage)



*Adopted:* 2001 (official status uncertain)

**DESIGN:** Hialeah's flag has a white field of 2 units by 3, with the city seal in the center .8 units in diameter. Curved above the seal and extending from near the hoist to near the fly is **CITY OF HIALEAH** in blue letters one-fourth of a unit high. Below the seal, in similar letters, but centered and horizontal, is **FLORIDA**, also in blue. The seal is edged in yellow. Concentric to this circle is a smaller one composed of blue beads. Between the two circles, on a white background, • **SEAL** • **CITY OF HIALEAH** • **1925** • curves clockwise above and **INCORPORATED** curves counter-clockwise below, all in blue. The seal's center shows Chief Tiger Tail in ceremonial dress, standing slightly to the fly side of the seal, facing the viewer, and pointing toward the hoist with

his right arm. The chief is barefoot and wears a full long-sleeved robe that comes down to his calves, suggesting the famous coat-of-many-colors of the Biblical Joseph, with horizontal stripes of red, yellow, green, white, and purple. There is a button row down the front of the top half of his robe, and a white collar at his neck. Four palm fronds frame the chief, two on either side. He stands on a field of lush grass, and behind him dawn is breaking into a blue sky. Two pink flamingos, facing the fly, stand in the background under the chief's right arm.

**SYMBOLISM:** Chief Tiger Tail, a Muskogee chief, resisted the incursion of the U.S. Army into the area of south Florida in 1841. He is said to be pointing to the place that many years later would become the city of Hialeah.

**HOW SELECTED:** The flag was altered when the seal was changed in late 2001. The flag is a revision of an earlier design.

**DESIGNER:** City hall personnel.

**MORE ABOUT THE FLAG:** The original seal was designed in 1925. By 2001, it was thought to be too colorless, so it was reworked to give it a more interesting appearance.



**FORMER FLAG:** The first flag of Hialeah was designed in 1960 by Phyllis Adams, a city employee. It is similar to the current flag except that the seal is entirely in blue and shows only Chief Tiger Tail without the palm fronds, sunrise, or flamingos.

Above the seal, also blue, is **CITY OF HIALEAH**, with "OF" much smaller than the rest. Below in blue letters about half the size of the words above is **HIALEAH, FLORIDA**, such that the city's name appears three times on the flag.

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