

RESOLUTION NO. 02-74

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, DECLARING AND AFFIRMING ITS OPPOSITION TO THE FORMATION OF A CIVILIAN INVESTIGATIVE PANEL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Miami Lakes, Florida, the most recently formed municipality in Miami Dade County, has contracted the services of the Miami Dade County Police Department for the provision of Police Services to the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Dade County Police Department is the largest law enforcement agency within Miami Dade County and is entrusted with protecting its Citizens by enforcing both Miami Dade and Municipal Ordinances and the laws of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Dade County Police Department has been recognized nationally as one of the top four law enforcement agencies in the United States and is accredited by the Commission for Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (C.A.L.E.A.); and

WHEREAS, the Miami Dade Police Department promotes professionalism and employs and retains 3,088 police officers that are reflective of the Town of Miami Lakes Community; and

WHEREAS, through the painstaking efforts and proactive initiatives by the Miami Dade County Police Department and its officers, the violent crime rate in Miami Dade County has gone down for five (5) consecutive years, the robbery rate is down 46% since 1996 and homicides are at a thirty-year low; and

WHEREAS, discussion of the formation of a Civilian Investigative Panel has had a debilitating effect on law enforcement officers' ability to perform their duties, is contributing to low moral amongst law enforcement officers; ignores the individual rights guaranteed to law

enforcement officers by the US Constitution, State of Florida Constitution, State of Florida Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights and respective Collective Bargaining Agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Miami Lakes is committed to protecting and serving its citizens as well as protecting the rights of law enforcement officers who faithfully protect and serve us.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are incorporated in to this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. The Town of Miami Lakes hereby declares and affirms its opposition to the formation of a Civilian Investigative Panel.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Town Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of May, 2002.



WAYNE SLATON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BEATRIS M. ARGUELLES, CMC
TOWN CLERK

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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WEISS, SEROTA, HELFMAN, PASTORIZA & GUEDES
TOWN ATTORNEY

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