

RESOLUTION NO. 05-315

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, JOINING THE DADE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE TO SUPPORT THE ADOPTION BY CONGRESS OF AN EFFECTIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police is committed to enhancing the quality of life and safety of the people who live, work and play in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade police administrators recognize that there is no legitimate sporting or hunting purpose for certain semi-automatic, military style assault weapons; and

**WHEREAS**, the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act passed by congress in 1994, included provisions making it a federal crime for an individual to possess or transfer assault weapons manufactured after that date; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned ban expired on September 13, 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, all of the weapons previously banned under the law can now be produced and distributed throughout our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade law enforcement officers and other public safety officials recognize the danger that these previously banned weapons pose to our officers and community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dade County Association of Chiefs of Policy acknowledges that the aforementioned Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act could be improved.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL FO THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1. Recitals.** The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 2. Support of Assault Weapons Ban.** That the Town Council of the Town of Miami Lakes, Florida, hereby joins the Dade County Association of Chiefs of

Police to support the adoption by congress of an effective and comprehensive assault weapons ban.

**Section 3.** **Effective Date.** That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14 day of June, 2005.

Motion to adopt by Mary Collins, second by Nancy Simon.

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION

Mayor Wayne Slaton	<u>yes</u>
Vice Mayor Roberto Alonso	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Mary Collins	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Robert Meador	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Michael Pizzi	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Nancy Simon	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Peter Thomson	<u>yes</u>

Wayne Slaton  
Wayne Slaton  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Debra Eastman  
Debra Eastman, MMC  
TOWN CLERK

Approved as to form and legality for the use and benefit of the Town of Miami Lakes only:

W S R  
Weiss, Serota, Helfman, Pastoriza,  
Cole & Boniske, P.A.  
TOWN ATTORNEY