

RESOLUTION NO. 06-473

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA IN SUPPORT OF STATE LEGISLATION THAT COMMITS TO TRAFFIC SAFETY BY RECOGNIZING RED LIGHT RUNNING AS A THREAT TO THE SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC –AT-LARGE AND IMPLEMENTING AUTOMATED PHOTO ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS TO DETER VIOLATIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, red light running, a dangerous and costly problem in Florida and nationwide, results in over one million automobile crashes each year, producing more than 500,000 injuries and more than 1,000 fatalities; and

WHEREAS, red light running costs the public an estimated \$7 billion per year in lost wages, medical bills and damages; and

WHEREAS, every day, thousands of motorists run red lights in Florida, recklessly endangering their lives and the lives of other motorists and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, each year, according to the Florida State Highway Patrol, over 300,000 motorists are ticketed for running red lights in Florida every year, and more than 9,000 of those motorists crash; and

WHEREAS, crashes caused by drivers who run red lights can have the same result as crashes caused by drunk drivers-serious injury or death – leaving victims with severe long-term physical and emotional scars; and

WHEREAS, red light running is often a result of aggressive driving and the time saved by avoiding a red light – and average of 47 seconds – is not worth the potential cost in human lives; and

WHEREAS, the use of automated photo enforcement systems as a means of deterring violations of red light traffic signals has proven to reduce intersection collisions by more than 40% and whereby the State of Florida is urged to allow the implementation of these systems to increase traffic safety across our state; and

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

Section 1. The Town Council hereby authorizes the transmittal of this resolution to the State of Florida Legislature in support of regulating the practice of red light running by implementing automated photo enforcement systems as a means of deterring violations.

Section 2. The Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12 day of December, 2006.

Motion to adopt by Roberto Alonso, second by Wayne Slaton.

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION

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


Wayne Slaton
Wayne Slaton
MAYOR

ATTEST:



Debra Eastman, MMC
TOWN CLERK

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



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