

RESOLUTION NO. 09- 718

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT LEGISLATION TO BE KNOWN AS “THE SHAYE PATRICK MARTIN SAFETY ACT”; DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO FORWARD THE RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2006, 8-year old Shaye Patrick Martin was killed when a car slammed into him as he was walking to school along a sidewalk outside of the marked 15 mile per hour school zone; and

WHEREAS, under current Florida law, cities and counties can lower the speed limits of their residential roadways; however, current legislation does not address a uniform lowered speed limit for areas located just before and after school zones; and

WHEREAS, it is intended that the “Shaye Patrick Martin Safety Act” would support the observance of 25 mile per hour (mph) speed limits for streets located within school zones regardless of the time of day, including those areas that are fifty (50) yards adjacent to such school zones; and

WHEREAS, The Town Council of the Town of Miami Lakes in partnership with the Keep Kids Alive Drive 25® program has agreed to move forward with the process of lowering speed limits in the Town through the adoption of local legislation; and

WHEREAS, The Town Council urges the State of Florida Legislature to adopt legislation to be known as the “Shaye Patrick Martin Safety Act” for the purposes described herein and the continuing education and active engagement of the citizens of the State of Florida for the creation of safer streets in neighborhoods.

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

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

Section 2. Adoption of Legislation. The Town Council urges the State of Florida Legislature to adopt legislation to be known as “Shaye Patrick Martin Safety Act” which would serve to uniformly lower speed limits within and adjacent to school zones.

Section 3. Direction to the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to Governor Charlie Crist, Senate President Jeff Atwater, House of Representatives Speaker Pro Tempore Larry Cretul and members of the Miami-Dade County local delegation of the Florida Legislature.

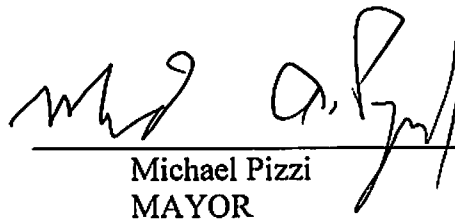
Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this tenth day of February, 2009.

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


FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION

Mayor Michael Pizzi	yes
Vice Mayor Richard Pulido	yes
Councilmember Mary Collins	yes
Councilmember George Lopez	yes
Councilmember Robert Meador	yes
Councilmember Nick Perdomo	yes
Councilmember Nancy Simon	yes



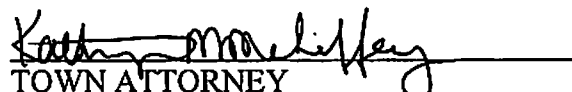
Michael Pizzi
MAYOR

ATTEST:



Debra Castro
TOWN CLERK

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



Kathryn MacLiffey
TOWN ATTORNEY
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