## **RESOLUTION NO. 11-887**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, OPPOSING CYBER STALKING; DIRECTING STAFF TO PURSUE LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY SOLUTIONS TO PROTECT THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES FROM UNWANTED AND UNSOLICITED CYBER STALKING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Cyber Stalking is a problem due to the proliferation of the internet; and WHEREAS, Cyber Stalking can result in cruelty and trauma being inflicted on

unsuspecting citizens; and

WHEREAS, using the internet to inflict constant harassment on innocent citizens is a dangerous harm that can affect people's quality of life; and

WHEREAS, no one should be permitted to use the internet and mass emails to spread lies and misinformation with a design to harass people and make their daily lives unbearable; and

WHEREAS, it is possible for people to exercise their first amendment rights without intentionally inflicting emotional harm and duress for selfish purposes; and

WHEREAS, uncontrolled Cyber Stalking can, in some ways, be more harmful than physical stalking; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should have the right to enjoy their peace and tranquility without being the recipient of unwanted Cyber Stalking and harassment; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Miami Lakes Mayor and Town Council are opposed to the constant Cyber Stalking and internet harassment being inflicted on our residents, whereby innocent victims are being victimized on a daily basis;

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 incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. <u>Direction of Enforcement.</u> The Town Council directs the Town Manager and Police Department to use all lawful means to pursue legislative and policy solutions to protect all citizens from unwanted and unsolicited Cyber Stalking in the Town of Miami Lakes.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of April, 2011.

Motion to adopt by Councilmember Collins, second by Mayor Pizzi.

## FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION

Mayor Michael Pizzi
Vice Mayor Nick Perdomo
Councilmember Mary Collins
Councilmember Tim Daubert
Councilmember Nelson Hernandez
Councilmember Ceasar Mestre
Councilmember Richard Pulido
Yes
Yes

Michael Pizzi MAYOR

ATTEST:

Marjorie Tejeday

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