RESOLUTION NO. 11-888

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA CREATING A SPECIAL NEEDS COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP; PROVIDING FOR DUTIES; PROVIDING FOR MEETING REQUIREMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, On March 8, 2011, the Mayor and Town Council approved the creation of a Special Needs Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Miami Lakes (the "Town") desires that said committee work to identify persons within the community with special needs including but not limited to children, adults and senior citizens, and to identify the needs and potential program alternatives to address the various needs; and

WHEREAS, the Town finds that the establishment of a special needs committee dedicated to the identification of and service to persons with special needs living within the Town is in the best interests of the Town.

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

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

Section 2. Creation of a Special Needs Committee. The Mayor hereby creates the "Special Needs Committee" to make recommendations to the Town Council on policy and programs addressing the issues and identifying, serving and protecting the concerns of special needs persons within the Town including but not limited to children, adults and senior citizens and developing and improving community programs and services to assist them.

Section 3. Terms and Composition of Committee. The Committee shall be comprised of seven members appointed by the Mayor subject to Council confirmation. Coucilmembers may submit recommendations to the Office of the Mayor for appointment.

Section 4. <u>Duties.</u> The Special Needs Committee shall:

- Work with local residents and partner organizations to identify persons in the community with special needs;
- Develop a service strategy and identify policies and goals to support both specialized and general programs to serve persons with special needs in the community;
- Develop, coordinate and sponsor events, activities and programs for persons with special needs in the community; and
- 4. Work with area organizations to co-sponsor events for persons with special needs children in the community.

Section 5. Meetings. The Committee shall meet monthly and at the call of the Chairperson. The Secretary shall keep minutes of the Committee meetings. The approved minutes shall be filed with the Town Clerk.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its 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 Yes

Vice-Mayor Nick Perdomo Absent

Councilmember Mary Collins Yes

Councilmember Tim Daubert Yes

Councilmember Nelson Hernandez Yes

Councilmember Ceasar Mestre Yes

Councilmember Richard Pulido Yes

MICHAEL PIZZI

MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

TOWN ATTORNEY

Weiss, Serota, Helfman, Pastoriza,

Cole & Boniske, P.L.