

RESOLUTION NO. 13- 1084

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY-WIDE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JOINT ROUNDTABLE ON YOUTH SAFETY AND DIRECTING THE TOWN MAYOR OR MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO COLLABORATE ON THE ROUNDTABLE'S RECOMMENDATIONS, TO RECOMMEND TO THE TOWN COUNCIL MATTERS REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL

WHEREAS, senseless tragedies, such as the fatal shooting in December 2012 of young students and teachers at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Connecticut, have recently affected our nation; and

WHEREAS, a local news report recently indicated that between 2009 and 2012, 81 youths under the age of eighteen were victims of shooting in Miami-Dade County which resulted in fatalities; and

WHEREAS, youth safety is critical to the entire community's safety; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez and Miami-Dade County Public Schools Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho recently formed the Joint Roundtable of Youth Safety ("the Roundtable") and engaged in leadership from 34 municipalities including the Town of Miami Lakes, and over 100 community stakeholders within Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the Roundtable aims to provide a holistic, comprehensive, community-wide approach to protect children, not only in their classrooms, but also in their neighborhoods and local parks; and

WHEREAS, safeguarding the youth in our community is a long-term process that is revisited regularly for comprehensive updates and concrete follow-up actions; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Roundtable's efforts to address this issue will be dependent upon true community-wide buy in, with each and every resident taking personal responsibility for the safety and well-being of young people; and

WHEREAS, the Roundtable has issued a comprehensive Community Action Plan report ("the Report") with recommendations concerning in-school safety, out-of-school safety, youth services and community education and empowerment; and

WHEREAS, the Report's recommendations include increased police visibility at schools, school cameras with live streaming capabilities, high visibility truancy sweeps, crime deterrence efforts through environmental design of parks that positively influence human behavior, enhancement of public awareness of existing crime prevention/reporting programs, increased student access to school-based behavioral/mental health services and referrals, identification of funding to support summer job opportunities, and promotion of youth empowerment summits; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Miami Lakes supports the efforts of the Roundtable to improve youth safety,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, that this Council:

Section 1. Fully supports the Roundtable and its recommendations to promote youth safety as described in the Roundtable's Report, which together with the County Mayor's memorandum, is attached to this item as Exhibit A and incorporated herein.

Section 2. Directs the Town Mayor or Mayor's designee to continue working with community stakeholders as described in the Report, and, to recommend and present for consideration of this Council any matters requiring this Council's approval.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14 day of MAY, 2013.

Motion to adopt by Councilmember Lama second by Rodriguez.

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION

Mayor Michael Pizzi
Vice Mayor Caesar Mestre
Councilmember Manny Cid
Councilmember Tim Daubert
Councilmember Nelson Hernandez
Councilmember Tony Lama
Councilmember Nelson Rodriguez

absent
absent
yes
yes
yes
yes
yes



Michael Pizzi
MAYOR

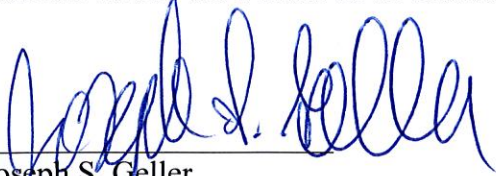
Attest:



Marjorie Tejeda
TOWN CLERK

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APPROVE AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



Joseph S. Geller
GREENSPOON MARDER
TOWN ATTORNEY