

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING STATE PARK IMPROVEMENTS THAT ALIGN WITH THE PARKS' CONSERVATION MISSIONS AND OPPOSING THE PROPOSAL TO ADD SPORTS FACILITIES TO STATE PARKS, INCLUDING DR. VON D. MIZELL-EULA JOHNSON STATE PARK.

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection ("FDEP") has proposed a plan to add various sports facilities to state parks, including the environmentally sensitive Dr. Von D. Mizell-Eula Johnson State Park located in the City of Hollywood; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Von D. Mizell-Eula Johnson State Park is described on the state's website as "the last example of an undeveloped coastal ecosystem in Broward County," reflecting its unique and irreplaceable natural environment; and

WHEREAS, the express mission of Florida's State Park Service is "to provide resource-based recreation while preserving, interpreting and restoring natural and cultural resources," emphasizing the importance of maintaining the integrity of natural landscapes; and

WHEREAS, FDEP defines "resource-based" recreation as dependent on specific elements of the natural environment that cannot be easily duplicated, contrasting with "user-oriented" recreation which can generally be provided elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, the restoration of natural habitats and the increase of resource-based recreation such as walking trails in Florida's state parks will further the mission of the Park Service to "provide resource-based recreation while preserving, interpreting and restoring natural and cultural resources"; and

WHEREAS, the addition pickleball courts as proposed for Dr. Von D. Mizell-Eula Johnson State Park conflicts with the State Park Service's mission and will compromise the park's unique natural features, disrupt local wildlife habitats and add traffic to a heavily used State park that already causes frequent traffic jams.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated in this Resolution.

Section 2: The City Commission formally supports and urges DEP to work to restore natural habitats in our state parks and increase resource-based recreation such as walking trails.

Section 3: The City Commission formally opposes the DEP's proposal to add sports facilities to Dr. Von D. Mizell-Eula Johnson State Park and other state parks and expresses its concern about impacts on the parks' natural ecosystems and conservation goals.

Section 4: That the City Clerk shall forward this Resolution to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Governor Ron DeSantis, the Broward County Board of Commissioners, and all cities located in Broward County, Florida.

Section 5: That This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

JOSH LEVY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PATRICIA A. CERNY, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DOUGLAS R. GONZALES
CITY ATTORNEY