

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PRESERVE INTACT ENTERPRISE FLORIDA, THE FLORIDA SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER, VISIT FLORIDA AND OTHER PROGRAMS WHICH HAVE HELPED MAKE FLORIDA A LEADER IN JOB GROWTH AND ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION.

WHEREAS, the Florida House is considering legislation that will have the effect of hurting economic expansion and tourism in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation would eliminate Enterprise Florida, the Florida Small Business Development Center Network and VISIT Florida, as well as several other programs and organizations that have helped make Florida a leader in job growth and diversification (collectively referred to as The Programs); and

WHEREAS, this legislation would send the wrong signal to businesses, entrepreneurs and tourists, that Florida is no longer going to take an active leadership role in promoting business and tourism in this state. Additionally, the Bill does the following:

Ends economic diversification and tourism marketing efforts in Florida, including eliminating small business assistance, the economic development toolkit, international programs, and marketing;

Raises Taxes - Early estimates show that this legislation could increase taxes by \$89.1 million. In addition, on average, Florida households save \$1,535.00 a year as a result of visitor activity driving increased revenue to the state;

Hurts Jobs - Every 85 visitors account for one job in Florida. Enterprise Florida is in the business of attracting high-wage jobs and high-growth industries; and

Makes Florida Uncompetitive - Nearly every state has similar programs, and this legislation will put Florida at a competitive disadvantage in attracting businesses and visitors.

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

Section 1: The above WHEREAS clauses are hereby incorporated in this resolution.

PRESERVE INTACT THE ENTERPRISE FLORIDA, THE FLORIDA SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER, AND VISIT FLORIDA AND OTHER PROGRAMS

Section 2: The City Commission of the City of Hollywood hereby strongly urges the Florida Legislature to retain The Programs and continue to place Florida in the forefront of job growth, economic development and tourism.

Section 3: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2017.

JOSH LEVY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PATRICIA A. CERNY, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
for the use and reliance of the
City of Hollywood, Florida, only.

JEFFREY P. SHEFFEL, CITY ATTORNEY