RESOLUTION NO. 2022 – 114

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA URGING BROWARD COUNTY ANIMAL CARE AND ADOPTION DIVISION TO ABANDON THE NEWLY CREATED INTAKE POLICY REQUIRING MUNICIPALITIES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT TO HOLD STRAY ANIMALS FOR A TIME PERIOD OF 72 HOURS PRIOR TO ACCEPTANCE BY THE COUNTY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement Officers are often the last resort when responding to an issue involving stray animals or animal endangerment; and

WHEREAS, in the past, such animals could be immediately turned over to the Broward County Animal Care and Adoption Division; and

WHEREAS, the Broward County Animal Care and Adoption Division unilaterally changed the intake policy to require municipalities including law enforcement and good Samaritan residents to hold animals for 72 hours before being taken in by the County; and

WHEREAS, most municipalities in Broward County do not have the resources or capacity to hold and care for animals properly without diverting resources meant to provide safety for residents; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission believe that urging the Broward County Animal Care and Adoption Division to abandon the 72-hour-hold requirement and accept animals immediately is in the best interests of the residents and animals of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The Mayor and City Commission urge the Broward County Animal Care and Adoption Division to abandon the 72-hour-hold requirement and accept animals immediately in the best interest of the safety of the residents and animals in the community. The Clerk is directed to distribute this Resolution as appropriate.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of September, 2022.

M Butler for

JOY F. COOPER
MAYOR

SPONSORED BY: COMMISSIONER MICHELE LAZAROW
COMMISSIONER ANABELLE LIMA-TAUB

ATTEST:

JENORGEN GUILLEN, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
AND FORM

JENNIFER MERINO
CITY ATTORNEY

FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION

Mayor Cooper	Yes
Vice Mayor Butler	Yes
Commissioner Javellana	Yes
Commissioner Lazarow	Yes
Commissioner Lima-Taub	Yes