

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, URGING ALL PRIVATE SCHOOLS WITHIN THE CITY'S BOUNDARIES, AS WELL AS ALL NON-PRIVATE AND CHARTER SCHOOLS REGULATED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO HIRE FULL TIME SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS OR OTHER APPROPRIATE SECURITY PERSONNEL FOR THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THEIR STUDENTS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO DISTRIBUTE THIS RESOLUTION TO ALL PRIVATE AND CHARTER SCHOOLS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, AS WELL AS THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, THE BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND LOCAL LEGISLATORS.

WHEREAS, in the afternoon hours of February 14, 2018, a mass shooting occurred at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida ("School"), in which 17 students and teachers were killed and another 17 were wounded; and

WHEREAS, following the massacre, it was determined that a former student who had been expelled from the School the year before had gained entry into the School due to his familiarity with the School's rules and procedures gained while a student there; and

WHEREAS, many public schools in the City have law enforcement personnel, known as School Resource Officers ("SROs"), in the educational facilities and at after school sporting events, although there are not enough SROs for placement in all schools on a full time basis; and

WHEREAS, given the vast number of school shootings in the past decade, along with the failure of the state's legislators to enact sufficient safeguards concerning gun control throughout Florida, there needs to be more attention to the safety and security of students while at school and school sponsored activities; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission believes that it is time to provide security for all students enrolled at all schools in the City, and urges each private institution and the School Board of Broward County to take all necessary measures to ensure that every student receives the protection he or she deserves to secure a safe and nourishing educational environment; and

WHEREAS, the duty and responsibility to provide for the safety of students rests with the administration of the various private and charter schools as well as the School Board for all public institutions located in the City.

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: That it urges all private schools located in the City of Hollywood to retain the services of an SRO or other appropriate security personnel, as permitted by applicable Florida law, the cost of which is to be borne by the private institution, as quickly as possible but no later than the first day of school for the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 school year commencing August 2018.

Section 3: That it urges the School Board of Broward County to place SROs in all public and charter schools located in the City of Hollywood, and to provide additional funding to support and offset the cost of such services placed on the local law enforcement agency, in this case, the City of Hollywood Police Department, as quickly as possible but no later than the first day of school for the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 school year commencing August 2018.

Section 4: That the City Clerk is authorized and directed to send this Resolution to all private schools in the City of Hollywood, the School Board of Broward County and the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, and to all local legislators serving the City of Hollywood.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2018.

JOSH LEVY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PATRICIA A. CERNY, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL
SUFFICIENCY for the use and reliance of
the City of Hollywood, Florida only:

DOUGLAS R. GONZALES, CITY ATTORNEY