

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING UNITED STATES SENATE BILL 2061, A BILL PROMOTING NEXT GENERATION EMERGENCY NETWORKS; DIRECTING CITY ADMINISTRATION TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in 2002, the electorate of Broward County voted overwhelmingly to amend Section 5.03(A) of the Broward County Charter to provide for the establishment and County funding of a communications infrastructure for fire and emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2017, the Hollywood City Commission passed and adopted Resolution R-2017-366, expressing support for the June 15, 2017, Joint Position Statement of the Broward County, Chiefs of Police Association and the Fire Chiefs Association of Broward County regarding consolidated E-911 communications system; and

WHEREAS, the regional public safety communications system includes radio infrastructure, including but not limited to towers and radios utilized by public safety professionals and hospitals, the consolidated E-911 system and other supportive platforms and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the complexity of the entire public safety communications system requires management expertise in operations of such systems and public safety, as well as technical expertise; and

WHEREAS, public safety access points ("PSAPs") and first responders within our County are currently not capable of receiving emergency texts to 9-1-1. Cities and the County have not implemented Next Generation 9-1-1, which would enable texting to PSAPs and first responders, because of the cost. Other areas of the country and Florida do have the capability of obtaining emergency messages via texts to 9-1-1, creating confusion among residents and visitors in our County when seeking to contact first responders to address emergencies; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Senate Bill 2061 (SB "2061") has been filed in the United States Senate by Senators Nelson and Klobuchar; and

WHEREAS, SB 2061 proposes to support the deployment of Next Generation 9-1-1 services to enhance and upgrade the Nation's 9-1-1 systems; and

WHEREAS, SB 2061 provides for new emergency communication functions supporting voice, text, data and video communications allowing people seeking assistance to send text messages to 911 or to transmit photos and video clips from the scene of an accident; and

WHEREAS, SB 2061 directs federal agencies, including the Federal Communications Commission, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and First Responder Network Authority to coordinate regarding infrastructure deployment; and

WHEREAS, SB 2061 further expands most significantly, federal grants to help state and local governments purchase and install Next Generation 9-1-1 equipment to enable first responders to receive emergency text messages; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds it to be in the best interest of the citizens and residents of the City, as well as all of Broward County, to support changes to enable residents and visitors to text emergency messages to 9-1-1.

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 the City Commission of the City of Hollywood urges all members of the United States Congress and President Trump to support and enact SB 2061.

Section 3: The City Commission further directs City Administration to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Broward County, the Broward League of Cities, the Florida League of Cities, Broward County Legislative Delegation, the National League of Cities, the National League of Cities Information Technology and Communications Committee, the U.S. Congressional Legislative Delegation for Florida, Senator Bill Nelson and any other interested parties.

Section 4: All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5: If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of the Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

Section 6: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING UNITED STATES SENATE BILL 2061.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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JOSH LEVY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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PATRICIA A. CERNY, MMC, CITY CLERK

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

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DOUGLAS R. GONZALES, CITY ATTORNEY