

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY
OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA
LEGISLATURE TO USE ALL MONIES IN THE HOUSING
TRUST FUNDS FOR HOUSING PROGRAMS.

WHEREAS, the City Commission recognizes that having high quality, affordable housing available in Hollywood is beneficial, both to residents and the business community alike; and

WHEREAS, The Sadowski Act, passed in 1992, increased the document stamp tax paid on all real estate transactions and placed these monies in a dedicated state and local trust fund, including the State Housing Partnerships Program ("SHIP"), which funds housing programs in all 67 counties and larger cities; and

WHEREAS, Hollywood has historically received an annual allocation of SHIP funds to facilitate the provision of affordable housing, and this allocation has amounted to approximately \$1,968,228.00 in the previous five years; and

WHEREAS, SHIP funds can be used for repair of existing housing stock to allow seniors to age in place or to provide retrofitting for persons with special needs; and

WHEREAS, SHIP can be used to provide first time homeownership with down payment and closing cost assistance, as well as preservation of existing housing; and

WHEREAS, program income derived by the City from SHIP funds further leverage available SHIP resources, and this program income has amounted to approximately \$1,355,220.00 in the previous five years; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature is currently considering the appropriation for state and local housing trust fund programs; and

WHEREAS, the Florida House Appropriations Committee proposes to zero out SHIP; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Senate Appropriations Committee proposes using all monies in the Housing Trust Funds for housing programs; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Housing Coalition, facilitator of The Sadowski Trust, is engaged in an advocacy campaign and has asked Sadowski Coalition Affiliates and recipients of state and local housing program funds to support this campaign; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the Florida Housing Coalition's actions, staff is greatly concerned about any proposed reduction in the housing trust funds, including the

SHIP, and desires to have these resources preserved for the benefit of Hollywood residents and the local business community; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the City Commission convey the City's position on this matter to the Florida Legislature by passing and adopting this Resolution and transmitting same to the Legislature.

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 appropriate City officials are authorized to transmit this Resolution, together with such non-material changes as may be subsequently agreed to by the City Manager and approved as to form and legal sufficiency by the City Attorney, to the Florida Legislature.

Section 3: 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 & LEGAL
SUFFICIENCY for the use and reliance
of the City of Hollywood, Florida, only.

DOUGLAS R. GONZALES, CITY ATTORNEY