

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE CLOSURE OF SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ON ELECTION DAY OR THE RELOCATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS FROM SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, for many years, the Broward County Supervisor of Elections, through an agreement with the School Board of Broward County ("SBBC"), has utilized SBBC schools for voting precincts for primary, general and municipal elections; and

WHEREAS, while efforts are made by the respective SBBC schools to prevent access to other areas of the school campuses, parents, families and school staff have been concerned about having to permit access to the school campuses on election days for people who would not otherwise be permitted on the school campuses; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2018, a shooter gained access to the SBBC's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School campus and murdered 17 students and teachers and injured 17 others; and

WHEREAS, during the August 28, 2018 primary election in Broward County, 128 SBBC schools were used to accommodate 154 voting precincts; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statute Section 102.101 prohibits law enforcement personnel on duty in a polling precinct unless requested by the Supervisor of Elections; and

WHEREAS, increasing visible police presence at or outside voting precincts is not a solution, as police presence at the polls has been an historic method in areas of the United States to allegedly intimidate voters and can lead to lawsuits related to alleged voter intimidation; and

WHEREAS, for the November 6, 2018 general election, SBBC schools will be closed for an employee planning day; and

WHEREAS, reportedly, other public school districts have adjusted their school year calendar to ensure schools are closed on election days to avoid the concern of having people on school campuses who would otherwise not be permitted on the campuses during the school day; and

WHEREAS, the City has been a strong advocate for school safety as well as encouraging more and better access to methods for citizens to cast their votes in

elections; and

WHEREAS, the SBBC and the Broward County Supervisor of Elections should work together to find a solution to eliminate the risks associated with individuals who would otherwise not be permitted on an SBBC school campus on election day, either by closing SBBC schools on election day or relocating voting precincts out of SBBC schools.

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 supports the closure of School Board of Broward County schools on election days for primary, general, and municipal elections, or the relocation from School Board of Broward County schools to other locations during election days for the safety of the students, faculty, staff, and volunteers.

Section 3: That the City Clerk is directed to distribute this Resolution to all municipal and county governments within Broward County, the School Board of Broward County, and the Broward County Supervisor of Elections.

Section 4: 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

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