

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT SENATE BILL 1912, AND ITS RELATED BILL, HOUSE BILL 1581, WHICH WOULD CREATE A CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO, AFTER A WARNING, APPROACH LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WITH THE INTENT TO IMPEDE, PROVOKE, OR HARASS OFFICERS; JOINING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN ITS SUPPORT OF THE LEGISLATION; AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT THIS RESOLUTION TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers serve critical roles in keeping our community safe and must be allowed to do their jobs effectively; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill ("SB") 1912, and its related bill, House Bill ("HB") 1581, have been filed for consideration during the 2021 Florida Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, SB 1912 and HB 1581 make it a misdemeanor of the second degree for an individual who, after receiving a warning from a law enforcement officer not to approach, violates such warning and approaches or remains within 30 feet of a law enforcement officer who is engaged in the lawful performance of any legal duty with the intent to interrupt, disrupt, hinder, impede, or interfere with the law enforcement officer's ability to perform such duty; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the bills provide the same criminal penalty for an individual who fails to heed such a warning with the intent to provoke a physical response from the law enforcement officer or directly or indirectly harass the law enforcement officer; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2021, the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 210622, declaring its support for SB 1912 and HB 1581; and

WHEREAS, as such, the Mayor and City Commission declare their strong support for SB 1912 and HB 1581, and any substitute or similar legislation which would create a criminal penalty for individuals who, after a warning, approach law enforcement officers with the intent to impede, provoke, or harass.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby urge the Florida Legislature to enact Senate Bill 1912, and its related bill, House Bill 1581, which would create a criminal penalty for individuals who, after a warning, approach law enforcement officers with the intent to impede, provoke, or harass officers; join the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners in its support of the legislation; and direct the City Clerk to transmit this Resolution to the President of the Florida Senate and the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2021

ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Commissioner Mark Samuelian
Co-sponsored by Commissioner Steven Meiner)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney
FJ

4-6-21

Date