

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S ENDORSEMENT OF GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT'S RECOMMENDATION TO REDIRECT UNUSED COACH AARON FEIS GUARDIAN PROGRAM FUNDS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN SUPPORT OF SCHOOL SAFETY MEASURES; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Cutler Bay (the "Town") is committed to taking all available steps to ensure the safety of students attending our local schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida (the "School Board") faces financial challenges in complying with the Marjory Stoneman Douglass High School Public Safety Act (SB 7026) (the "Act") to assign one or more police officers at each public school within its district; and

**WHEREAS**, \$67.5 million is allocated to the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program (the "Program") for voluntary law enforcement trainings that would allow teachers who perform other duties on school campuses to carry guns; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Education reports that just \$9 million of the Program funding has been used by schools; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 5, 2018 the School Board endorsed Governor Rick Scott's recommendation to the Joint Florida Legislative Budget Commission (the "Commission") to redirect the unused balance of approximately \$58 million from the Program to be equitably distributed to Florida school districts to hire school resource and safety officers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town desires to join the School Board in supporting Governor Rick Scott's recommendation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town finds that this Resolution is in the best interest of the Town and its residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.**     **Recitals.** The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 2.**     **Support.** The Town supports the School Board's endorsement of Governor Rick Scott's recommendation to redirect unused Program funds to school districts within the state to improve school safety measures, including hiring school resource and safety officers.

**Section 3.**     **Transmittal.** The Town Council hereby directs the Town Clerk to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the School Board, Office of Governor Rick Scott, and the Commission.

**Section 4.**     **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

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PEGGY R. BELL  
Mayor

Attest:

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DEBRA E. EASTMAN, MMC  
Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE  
SOLE USE OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY:

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WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN  
COLE & BIERMAN, P.L.  
Town Attorney

Moved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

Mayor Peggy R. Bell \_\_\_\_\_

Vice Mayor Sue Ellen Loyzelle \_\_\_\_\_

Council Member Mary Ann Mixon \_\_\_\_\_

Council Member Michael P. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_

Council Member Roger Coriat \_\_\_\_\_