

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-16**

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR STATE SENATE BILL 476 AND STATE HOUSE BILL 297, KNOWN AS THE “ANTHONY REZNIK ACT”, WHICH WOULD PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR AGGRESSIVE CARELESS DRIVING RESULTING IN SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE; URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS TO SUPPORT AND APPROVE THE LEGISLATION; DIRECTING THE VILLAGE CLERK TO DISTRIBUTE COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.** *(Sponsored by Mayor Karyn Cunningham and Co-Sponsored by Vice Mayor Leanne Tellam, Councilmember Patrick Fiore, and Councilmember Steve Cody)*

**WHEREAS**, on February 10, 2021, 11-year-old Anthony Reznik tragically lost his life as a result of a driver running a red light; and

**WHEREAS**, during the 2021 Legislative Session of the State of Florida, Senator Pizzo and Representative Aloupis sponsored Senate Bill 476 and House Bill 297, respectively, known as the “Anthony Reznik Act”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Anthony Reznik Act would provide for penalties for aggressive careless driving resulting in serious bodily injury, death or property damage; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council believe that careless and aggressive drivers need to be held accountable for their actions resulting in bodily injury, death or property damage; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council find that the passage of these companion bills is in the best interest the public.

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

**Section 1.** The Mayor and Council express its strongest support for State Senate Bill 476 and State House Bill 297, and urge the Florida

Legislature to adopt, and for Governor Ron DeSantis sign the bills.

**Section 2.** The Village Clerk is directed to distribute copies of this Resolution to Senator Pizzo, Representative Aloupis, Governor DeSantis, the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, the President of the Florida Senate, the Florida League of Cities, and the Miami-Dade League of Cities.

**Section 3.** Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

**PASSED AND RESOLVED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022.**

Attest:

DocuSigned by:  
*Missy Arocha*  
Missy Arocha  
Village Clerk

DocuSigned by:  
*Karyn Cunningham*  
Karyn Cunningham  
Mayor

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA ONLY:**

DocuSigned by:  
*John C. Dellagloria, Esq.*  
John C. Dellagloria, Esq.  
Village Attorney

**FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:**

Council Member Patrick Fiore	<u>YES</u>
Council Member Steve Cody	<u>YES</u>
Council Member Marsha Matson	<u>YES</u>
Vice-Mayor Leanne Tellam	<u>YES</u>
Mayor Karyn Cunningham	<u>YES</u>