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RESOLUTION NO. 2014-51

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY ENDORSING THE MISSION OF THE MIAMI PETS' TRUST URGING THE MAYOR AND THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA TO IMPLEMENT THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE AS SUPPORTED BY A MAJORITY OF THE VOTERS IN THE 2012 PETS' TRUST BALLOT INITIATIVE BY ESTABLISHING A FUNDING MECHANISM FOR THE PETS' TRUST INITIATIVE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. [Sponsored by Mayor Shelley Stanczyk].

WHEREAS, in November 2012, almost 500,000 citizens of Miami-Dade County voted overwhelmingly in favor of a ballot question initiated by the Pets' Trust to stop the unnecessary killing of animals in Miami-Dade County and help reduce the population of stray dogs and cats; and

WHEREAS, Pets' Trust seeks to improve the welfare of our animals, increase adoptions, and decrease overpopulation by providing free and low-cost income qualified spay/neuter surgeries; income qualified low-cost veterinary care; educational programs; improved shelter care; assistance to rescue groups; increased support for the local Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA); and more animal fostering programs; and

WHEREAS, the Pets' Trust mission statement is as follows:

*"Pets' Trust Miami is a citizens' initiative to improve animal welfare, increase adoptions and decrease overpopulation by providing free and low-cost income qualified spay/neuter surgeries, income qualified low-cost veterinary care, educational programs, adoption programs, improved shelter care, assistance to rescue groups, increased support for the SPCA, and more fostering programs. Miami-Dade County Animal Services receives tens of thousands of dogs and cats each year and thousands of these are killed annually. More than 400,000 stray cats live on our streets with females having up to 12 kittens a year. "*

WHEREAS, the Village of Palmetto Bay strongly endorses the mission of the Pets' Trust along with the almost 500,000 citizens that voted to create programs to stop the killing of our animals, the Village of Palmetto Bay recognizes that aggressive spay/neuter surgeries are the key to ending the overpopulation of dogs and cats in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County community not only voted to help save our animals, but approved a modest funding mechanism to actually finance the solution. It was understood that it could cost up to \$300 to maintain and then kill the animal, while at the same time it would only cost \$65 to spay or neuter.

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County voters approved a modest funding mechanisms to finance the above-reference programs, the County Commission has yet to implement said mechanisms; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the Village of Palmetto Bay, recognizing that an overwhelming majority of  
2 voters supported the Pets' Trust, encourages the Mayor and Commissioner of Miami Dade  
3 County to implement the will of the people in this current budget session.  
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5           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE**  
6 **COUNCIL OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:**  
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8           **Section 1.** The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.  
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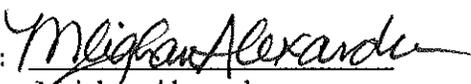
10           **Section 2.** Miami-Dade County voters supported the Pets' Trust initiatives and the  
11 Village of Palmetto Bay urges the Mayor and the County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County  
12 Florida to implement the will of the people in the current budget session by establishing the  
13 funding mechanisms for said initiatives.  
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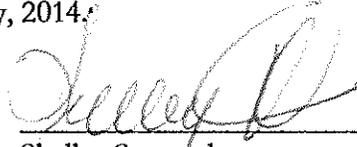
15           **Section 3.** The Village of Palmetto Bay further encourages other Miami-Dade County  
16 municipalities to join the Village of Palmetto Bay and the municipalities of Coral Gables, Cutler  
17 Bay, Doral, El Portal, Homestead, Key Biscayne, Miami, Miami Beach, Miami Shores, Miami  
18 Springs, Miami Gardens, North Miami, South Miami, Surfside, Sweetwater, West Miami who  
19 have already passed this or a similar resolution in supporting Pets' Trust and delivering this  
20 message to the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Commissioners.

21           **Section 4.** The Village Clerk is hereby directed to transmit this Resolution to the Mayor  
22 and County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, Florida and all elected municipal officials in  
23 Miami-Dade County.  
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25           **Section 5.** This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by vote of  
26 the Village Council.  
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28           PASSED and ADOPTED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014.  
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31           Attest:   
32                   Meighan Alexander  
33                   Village Clerk  
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35                   Shelley Stanczyk  
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38           APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE USE  
39           AND RELIANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA ONLY:  
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42                   Dexter W. Lehtinen  
43                   Village Attorney  
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2 FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:  
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4 Council Member Patrick Fiore YES  
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6 Council Member Tim Schaffer YES  
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8 Council Member Joan Lindsay YES  
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10 Vice-Mayor John DuBois Absent  
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12 Mayor Shelley Stanczyk YES