

TOWN OF DAVIE

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM/PHONE: Chris Kovanes, Interim Town Administrator
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SUBJECT: Resolution

AFFECTED DISTRICT: Town-Wide

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, URGING THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO IMMEDIATELY PASS LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE ALL PENALTIES FOR CRIMINAL ACTS PERPETRATED DURING EMERGENCIES SUCH AS HURRICANES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

REPORT IN BRIEF: Due to the unprecedented amount of storms that affected the State of Florida many property owners were faced with unscrupulous individuals looting, burglarizing, and robbing those unable to adequately protect their belongings. The City of Lauderdale Lakes has recently passed a resolution that requests the Legislature pass legislation that will increase penalties for this type of behavior during declared emergencies.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: N/A

CONCURRENCES: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION(S): Motion to approve the resolution.

Attachment(s): Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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WHEREAS, most municipalities and counties in the State of Florida have recently operated under a declared state-of-emergency during significant times due to the latest hurricane events; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately certain unscrupulous individuals have attempted to take advantage of the emergency situation by looting, robbing and burglarizing others who were unable to protect their belongings and property; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Davie finds such acts to be utterly reprehensible and urges the State Legislature to take action to prevent such acts by significantly increasing the penalties for such offenses in order to act as a deterrent much the same as has been done for price gouging.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF DAVIE OF FLORIDA:

Section 1. The Town Council of the Town of Davie, along with the City of Lauderdale Lakes hereby urges the Legislature of the State of Florida to pass legislation that would significantly increase the penalties for criminal acts such as looting, robbery and burglary, perpetrated during emergencies such as, but not limited to, hurricanes, in order to deter such acts, especially at such times when victims are unable to protect themselves.

Section 2. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to mail fully executed copies of this Resolution to Governor Jeb Bush, the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, the Broward County League of Cities, the Florida League of Cities, the Broward County Legislation Delegation, and to any other interested parties.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2005.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2005.