

**RESOLUTION NO. R2018-06**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA IN SUPPORT OF STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO DEFEND OUR CITIZENRY FROM MASS SHOOTINGS AND OTHER SENSELESS ACTS OF VIOLENCE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Commission of the Village of Biscayne Park stands in support and solidarity with the students, families, and staff of Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida who are suffering and grieving for the seventeen lives lost and many others injured on February 14, 2018. The Commission recognizes the genuine acts of heroism of the students and staff who selflessly came to the aid of both students and staff, sacrificing their lives to protect the children in their care or fellow classmates. We honor their selfless valor;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission of the Village of Biscayne Park joins the national conversation and call to action to find real solutions to decrease gun violence, improving mental health services and provide for the school safety of our children;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission of the Village of Biscayne Park stands in solidarity and support of the victims and their families of all mass shootings, and their call to actions across the nation. We stand with those Floridians and all Americans calling for lawmakers to take immediate legislative and legal action to ensure that we have taken all responsible steps to prevent the devastation resulting from mass shootings.

**WHEREAS**, the Commission of the Village of Biscayne Park stands in solidarity with all those whose life's have been lost through acts of senseless violence, including all the eighteen mass shootings in recent history and other violent mass killings. These horrific acts attack our fundamental right to work, attend educational institutions, socialize, and move freely in public venues.

**WHEREAS**, the Commission of the Village of Biscayne Park concurs that the legislative responses at the State and Federal level to address the increased attacks on our citizenry, especially in public gather spaces has been wholly inadequate.

**WHEREAS**, the Commission of the Village of Biscayne Park acknowledges that our citizenry is demanding meaningful action, especially because of the most recent killings of 14 innocent high school's students and 3 of their teachers at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida on February 14, 2018.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1.** The Commission of the Village of Biscayne Park will continue to honor the memory of the seventeen innocent and precious lives lost in the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School's mass shooting through our actions and interactions with State and Federal lawmakers and stand in solidarity with the students and their families.

**Section 2.** The Commission of the Village of Biscayne Park strongly encourages our State and Federal partners to expeditiously draft legislation that provides adequate funding and ensures meaningful reform that results in securing our public spaces.

**Section 3.** The Commission of the Village of Biscayne Park strongly encourages our State and Federal partners to expeditiously draft bi-partisan legislation that is based upon sound principals with solutions drafted by independent experts, free from financial gain, which secures our public spaces to include: schools, parks, workplaces, shopping malls, sporting events, musical festivals, and other public venues with large public gatherings.

**Section 4.** The Commission of the Village of Biscayne Park highlights the contents of the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution which grants every citizen the right to life and liberty. The key emphasis is the right to live and the fundamental freedoms provided therein. This includes the rights for our citizenry to move safely among one another, without being in fear of and/or deprived of our most fundamental right --- that of life.

**Section 5.** This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

**The foregoing resolution upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:**

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Tracy Truppman, Mayor

Mayor Truppman: YES  
Vice Mayor Ross: YES  
Commissioner Bilt: YES  
Commissioner Johnson-Sardella: YES  
Commissioner Tudor: YES

Attest:

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Marlen D. Martell, Village Clerk

Approved as to form:

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John J. Hearn, Village Attorney

**7. INFORMATION UPDATES/FINANCIALS: NONE**

**8. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**8.a Approval of Minutes**

- *AMENDED* Regular Commission Meeting of January 9 and February 13.

**8.b Acceptance of Board Minutes**

- Code Compliance, January 8, 2018
- Biscayne Park Foundation, January 8, 2018
- Park & Parkways, January 18, 2018
- Park & Parkways, January 22, 2018
- Planning & Zoning, February 5, 2018
- Planning & Zoning, February 20, 2018

**8.c Resolution 2018-06**

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Vice Mayor Ross motioned to approve the consent agenda with amended minutes, seconded by Commissioner Johnson-Sardella. **MOTION PASSED 5-0.**

**ORDINANCES –**

**9.a Floodplain Ordinance 2018-01, SECOND AND FINAL READING**

AN ORDINANCE BY THE VILLAGE OF BISCAVNE PARK AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 6.5 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS, TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS TO BRING THE REGULATIONS INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE MOST CURRENT FEMA-APPROVED, CODE-COMPANION FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE FOR FLORIDA COMMUNITIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Public Comment was opened; with no speakers public comment was closed.

Vice Mayor Ross motioned for approval, seconded by Commissioner Johnson-Sardella. **MOTION PASSED 5-0.**

**RESOLUTIONS - NONE**

**OLD BUSINESS:** These items are generally discussion items that have been previously discussed by the Commission and new information or updates are available by either a member of the Commission or the Administration.

*NONE*

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