

RESOLUTION NO. 64-09-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA TO SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 1363 ENTITLED “ORGANIZED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY,” WHICH RENAMES AND AMENDS THE “CRIMINAL STREET GANG PREVENTION ACT OF 1996” AS THE “ORGANIZED CRIME GROUP PREVENTION ACT OF 2007;” URGING THE SUPPORT OF FLORIDA GOVERNOR CRIST, THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, THE MAYOR OF EACH MUNICIPALITY IN PALM BEACH COUNTY, THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, THE LEADERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO FLORIDA GOVERNOR CRIST, THE PALM BEACH LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, THE MAYOR OF EACH MUNICIPALITY IN PALM BEACH COUNTY, THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, THE LEADERSHIP OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES AND EACH MEMBER OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Lake Park (“Town”) is a municipal corporation of the State of Florida with such power and authority as has been conferred upon it by the Florida Constitution and Chapter 166, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Florida House Representative Gonzalez and others have introduced HB 1363 entitled “Organized Crime Activity;” and

WHEREAS, the bill renames the “Criminal Street Gang Prevention Act of 1996” as the “Organized Crime Group Prevention Act of 2007” and replaces the term “criminal street gang” with “organized crime group” throughout the Act and other referencing statutes; and

WHEREAS, the bill authorizes the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (“FDLE”) to compile and retain additional information regarding organized crime groups for law enforcement purposes and authorizes local law enforcement agencies to compile crime group

information and to notify prosecutors of an arrested individual's organized crime group membership status; and

WHEREAS, the bill creates a term and condition of community supervision, that prohibits organized crime group members from communicating with any other organized crime group member through any means, except as authorized by certain entities for the purpose of aiding in the investigation of organized criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, the bill makes it a third degree felony for any person to use electronic communication to further any criminal purpose, to intimidate or harass other persons, or to advertise his or her presence in the community; and

WHEREAS, the bill makes it a second degree felony for any person to possess or manufacture any blank, forged, stolen, fictitious, fraudulent, counterfeit, or otherwise unlawfully issued identification document in furtherance of a criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, the bill requires FDLE to administer organized crime prevention and enforcement grants; and

WHEREAS, for these reasons, the Town Commission urges Florida Governor Crist, and the Florida Legislature to support HB 1363 and also urges the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation, the mayor of each municipality in Palm Beach County, the leadership for the Palm Beach County League of Cities, the leadership of the Florida League of Cities, and each member of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners to support HB 1363; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission finds that this resolution should be forwarded to Florida Governor Crist, the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation, the mayor of each municipality in Palm Beach County, the leadership for the Palm Beach County League of Cities,

the leadership of the Florida League of Cities, and each member of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF
THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK:**

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated as true and correct as the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the Town Commission.

Section 2. For the reasons stated herein above, the Town Commission of the Town of Lake Park urges Florida Governor Crist, and the Florida Legislature to support HB 1363 and also urges the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation, the mayor of each municipality in Palm Beach County, the leadership for the Palm Beach County League of Cities, the leadership of the Florida League of Cities, and each member of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners to support HB 1363.

Section 3. The Town Commission hereby directs that this resolution be forwarded immediately to Florida Governor Crist, and the Florida Legislature to support HB 1363 and also urges the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation, the mayor of each municipality in Palm Beach County, the leadership for the Palm Beach County League of Cities, the leadership of the Florida League of Cities, and each member of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Vice-Mayor Daly, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Balius, and upon being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

	AYE	NAY
MAYOR PAUL W. CASTRO	<u>X</u>	___
VICE-MAYOR ED DALY	<u>X</u>	___
COMMISSIONER CHUCK BALIUS	<u>X</u>	___
COMMISSIONER JEFF CAREY	<u>X</u>	___
COMMISSIONER PATRICIA OSTERMAN	<u>X</u>	___

The Town Commission thereupon declared the foregoing Resolution NO. 64-09-07 duly passed and adopted this 12 day of September, 2007.

TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA


BY: 
PAUL W. CASTRO
MAYOR

ATTEST:


VIVIAN MENDEZ
TOWN CLERK



Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

BY: 
THOMAS J. BAIRD
TOWN ATTORNEY



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- William Snyder
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- Carl Domino
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- Priscilla Taylor
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Executive Director

Tyshon Grimsley
Delegation Secretary

Thursday, November 01, 2007

Vivian Mendez, City Clerk
Town of Lake Park
535 Park Avenue
Lake Park, FL 33403


Dear Ms. Mendez:

This is a letter to inform you that the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation office has received a copy of Resolution No. 64-09-07 adopted by the Town of Lake Park. Our office has forwarded the information to the 17 Legislative Delegation members of Palm Beach County.

It was brought to our attention that HB1363 entitled "Organized Criminal Activity" died this past Legislative Session. However, the bill has been re-filed by Representative Snyder's office as HB43. Please refer to this bill number in the future.

If you have any questions or concerns, please give our office a call at 561/ 355-2406.

Thank you,


Tyshon R. Grimsley, Delegation Secretary
Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation

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