

RESOLUTION NO. 03-01-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, URGING THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO AMEND FLORIDA'S FELONY/MURDER STATUTE TO INCLUDE DEATH BY HIT AND RUN BY VEHICLE OR VESSEL AS BEING AMONG THE ENUMERATED OFFENSES OF SAID STATUTE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 316.027, Fla. Stat. requires the driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in the injury of any person to immediately stop the vehicle and render aid and also requires the immediate reporting of the accident to the local police authority;

WHEREAS, failure to comply with Section 316.027, Fla. Stat. may result in the death of an injured person due to the injured person being unable to receive medical attention in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, a death resulting from the carelessness and neglect of a hit and run driver is more appropriately viewed as a felony homicide.

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

Section 1. The Whereas clauses are incorporated herein.

Section 2. The commission of the Town of Lake Park, Florida, does hereby urge the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation to support efforts to amend Florida's felony/murder statute (Section 782.04, Fla. Stat.) to include the act of vehicular hit and run as being within the enumerated offenses of felony homicide as contained in Chapter 782, Fla. Stat., and punishable in accordance with the provisions thereof.


Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner O'Rourke who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rapoza and upon being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

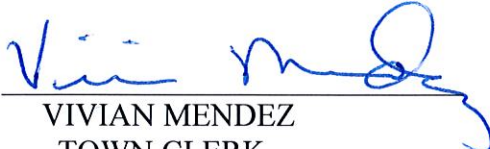
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MAYOR JAMES DUBOIS	<u>/</u>	___
VICE-MAYOR KIMBERLY GLAS-CASTRO	<u>/</u>	___
COMMISSIONER ERIN FLAHERTY	<u>/</u>	___
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL O'ROURKE	<u>/</u>	___
COMMISSIONER KATHLEEN RAPOZA	<u>/</u>	___

The Town Commission thereupon declared the foregoing Resolution NO. 03-01-16 duly passed and adopted this 20 day of January, 2016.

TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA


BY: 
JAMES DUBOIS
MAYOR

ATTEST:


VIVIAN MENDEZ
TOWN CLERK



Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

BY: 
THOMAS J. BAIRD
TOWN ATTORNEY