

RESOLUTION NO. 17R-03-75

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY SOBER HOMES TASK FORCE REPORT AND THE PALM BEACH COUNTY GRAND JURY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, in 2016 the Office of the State Attorney, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Palm Beach County, convened the Pahn Beach County Sober Home Task Force whose mission included addressing substance abuse, treatment and, ultimately, fostering the protection of vulnerable consumer and elevating the standards and practices of the recovery industry; and

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2017 the Palm Beach County Sober Home Task Force issued a report entitled "Identification of Problems in the Substance Abuse Treatment and Recovery Residence Industries with Recommended Changes to Existing Laws and Regulations" (*Exhibit A*); and

WHEREAS, the report includes numerous recommendations regarding recovery residences and, in particular, recommends the Florida Legislature to create a statutory structure that adequately funds DCF, finds a credentialing entity for commercial recovery residences (currently FARR), and gives DCF the authority to effectively regulate and license these businesses; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 the Office of the State Attorney, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit in and for Palm Beach County, called for a Grand Jury to investigate how government agencies are addressing the proliferation of fraud and abuse occurring within the addiction treatment industry; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Jury was further asked to make appropriate findings and recommendations on how these agencies can better perform their duties to ensure that cotrunimities remain safe and individuals with substance use disorders are protected.; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2016 the Grand Jury presented a report entitled "Report on the Proliferation of Fraud and Abuse in Florida's Addiction Treatment Industry (*Exhibit B*)"; and

WHEREAS, page 34 of the "Report on the Proliferations of Fraud and Abuse in Florida's Addiction Treatment Industry" is a Summary of

Recommendations which includes 16 recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the attached table "Licensed Substance Abuse or Behavioral Health Facilities — July 2015" indicates that the number of substance abuse treatment facilities in Pompano Beach has significantly increased since 2011 (Exhibit C);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The Florida Legislature and Florida Governor are urged to vigorously pursue and implement the recommendations put forth in the Palm Beach County's Sober Home Task Force report "Identification of Problems in the Substance Abuse Treatment and Recovery Residence Industries with Recommended Changes to Existing Laws and Regulations" and the recommendations put forth in the Grand Jury's report "Report on the Proliferations of Fraud and Abuse in Florida's Addiction Treatment Industry."

SECTION 2. The City Commission directs that a copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Governor, the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, the Broward County Legislative Delegation, the Florida League of Cities, and the Broward County League of Cities, and any other interested parties.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 2017.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on first reading this ____ day of _____, 2017.

PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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