

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-\_\_\_\_\_

**CITY OF POMPANO BEACH**  
**Broward County, Florida**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE  
CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, 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 Palm 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, funds a credentialing entity for commercial recovery residences (currently FARR), and gives DCF the authority to effectively regulate and license these businesses.;

**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.

The Grand Jury was further asked to make appropriate findings and recommendations on how these agencies can better perform their duties to ensure that communities remain safe and individual's 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 POMPANO BEACH, 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 for the 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.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution shall become effective upon passage.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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**LAMAR FISHER, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

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**ASCELETA HAMMOND, CITY CLERK**

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