

RESOLUTION 2017-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DAYTONA BEACH SHORES, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA URGING MEMBERS OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT LEGISLATION AMENDING CURRENT ANIMAL CRUELTY LAWS TO IMPOSE STRICTER, HARSHER PUNISHMENT AND PENALTIES FOR ACTS OF ANIMAL CRUELTY.

WHEREAS, it is a priority of the City of Daytona Beach Shores to promote the health, safety, and welfare of animals in the City and within the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, animals are sentient beings and deserve protection; and

WHEREAS, animal cruelty is a shameful act and no animal should feel endangered from abuse, forced violence, or neglect; and

WHEREAS, the City Council supports legislative efforts to impose harsher penalties on those who engage in acts of animal cruelty; and

WHEREAS, the City Council supports legislative efforts to improve the quality of life for all animals through love, compassion, education, and legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAYTONA BEACH SHORES, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the City Council of the City of Daytona Beach Shores hereby urges members of the Florida Legislature to consider amending the penalty listed in F.S. 828.12(2) for commission of aggravated animal cruelty from a third-degree felony to a second-degree felony.

Section 2. That the City Council of the City of Daytona Beach Shores hereby urges members of the Florida Legislature to consider imposing stricter, harsher punishment and penalties for acts of animal cruelty.

Section 3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Rick Scott, State Representative Tom Leek, State Representative Paul Renner, State Representative David Santiago, State Representative Patrick Henry, State Senator Dorothy Hukill, State Senator David Simmons, County of Volusia Chair, and all municipal Mayors within Volusia County.

Section 4. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

CITY OF DAYTONA BEACH SHORES, FL.

MAYOR, HARRY H. JENNINGS

Attest:

CITY MANAGER, MICHAEL T. BOOKER

CITY CLERK, CHERI SCHWAB

Approved as to form and legality:

CITY ATTORNEY, LONNIE GROOT

Adopted this ____ day of June, 2017

Posted this _____ day of June, 2017