

RESOLUTION NO. 14 - 2228

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THAT AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ELECTORATE VOTED TO SUPPORT THE INITIATIVES PRESENTED BY PETS' TRUST; URGING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE IN THIS CURRENT BUDGET SESSION BY ESTABLISHING THE FUNDING MECHANISMS FOR SAID INITIATIVES; ENCOURAGING OTHER MIAMI-DADE COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES TO JOIN THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE IN THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE PETS' TRUST; DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE MAYOR AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA AND ALL SOUNTH FLORIDA MUNICIPALITIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2012, almost 500,000 of Miami-Dade County's voters voted in a straw ballot to support the initiatives presented by Pets' Trust which are designed to create programs to stop the killing of animals in our County; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Surfside recognizes that aggressive spay and neuter programs are critically important to ending the overpopulation of dogs and cats in our community;

WHEREAS, Pets' Trust seeks to improve the welfare of our animals, increase adoptions and decrease overpopulation by providing free and low-cost income qualified spay/neuter surgeries; income qualified low-cost veterinary care; educational programs; improved shelter care; assistance to rescue groups; increased support for the local Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA); and more animal fostering programs; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County voters approved a modest funding mechanism to finance the above-reference programs, but the County Commission has yet to implement said mechanisms.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.**     **Recitals.** The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.

**Section 2.**     **Support.** The Town of Surfside hereby recognizes that a significant number of Surfside and Miami-Dade County voters supported the Pets' Trust initiatives and urges the Mayor and the County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County Florida to implement the will of the people in the current budget session by establishing the funding mechanisms for said initiatives which were approved by more than a super majority of the voters.

**Section 3. Municipalities.** The Town of Surfside further encourages other Miami-Dade County municipalities to join the Town of Surfside in supporting Pets' Trust and delivering this urgent message to the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Commissioners.

**Section 4. Directions to Town Clerk.** The Town Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Mayor and County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, Florida and all South Florida municipalities.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED and ADOPTED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

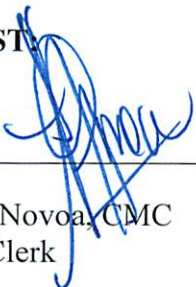
Motion by Commissioner Karukin, second by Commissioner Olchyk.

**FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION**

Commissioner Berry Cohen  
Commissioner Michael Karukin  
Commissioner Marta Olchyk  
Vice Mayor Eli Tourgeman  
Mayor Daniel Dietch

yes  
yes  
yes  
yes  
yes

  
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Daniel Dietch, Mayor

**ATTEST**  
  
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Sandra Novoa, CMC  
Town Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE ONLY:**

  
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Linda Miller, Town Attorney