

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO APPROPRIATE ALL NECESSARY FUNDS TO DEMOLISH AND REBUILD THE CLASSROOM BUILDING AT THE SITE OF THE FEBRUARY 14, 2018, MASS SHOOTING AT MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL IN PARKLAND, FLORIDA, AND TO FUND A MEMORIAL TO HONOR THE LIVES LOST IN THE MASS SHOOTING; DIRECTING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE REPRESENTING BROWARD COUNTY RESIDENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2018, a lone gunman opened fire at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School (“Marjory Stoneman Douglas”) in Parkland, Florida, killing 17 students and faculty; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the victims were killed in a building housing freshmen at Marjory Stoneman Douglas (“Freshmen Building”); and

WHEREAS, no student, faculty member, parent, or relative associated with Marjory Stoneman Douglas should be forced to see or enter the Freshmen Building and relive the tragedy of February 14, 2018; and

WHEREAS, demolishing and rebuilding the Freshmen Building is a necessary step in the healing process for the community; and

WHEREAS, a memorial in honor of the 17 students and faculty who lost their lives will ensure that their lives are not forgotten; and

1           WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, Florida  
2 (“Board”), wishes to support efforts to foster healing in the community following this  
3 tragedy on February 14, 2018; and

4           WHEREAS, the Board wishes to honor the 17 students and faculty killed during  
5 the mass shooting, NOW, THEREFORE,

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7           BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
8 BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

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10          Section 1. The recitals set forth in the preamble to this Resolution are  
11 incorporated by reference herein.

12          Section 2. The Board hereby encourages the Florida Legislature to appropriate  
13 all necessary funds to demolish and rebuild the Freshmen Building at Marjory Stoneman  
14 Douglas High School and to fund a memorial in remembrance of the 17 students and  
15 faculty killed during the mass shooting on February 14, 2018.

16          Section 3. The Board hereby directs the County Administrator to transmit a copy  
17 of this Resolution to the members of the Florida Legislature representing Broward County  
18 residents.

19          Section 4. SEVERABILITY

20          If any portion of this Resolution is determined by any Court to be invalid, the invalid  
21 portion shall be stricken, and such striking shall not affect the validity of the remainder of  
22 this Resolution. If any Court determines that this Resolution, or any portion hereof, cannot  
23 be legally applied to any individual(s), group(s), entity(ies), property(ies), or  
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