

PROPOSED

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, URGING THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE TO ALLOW HOPE SOUTH FLORIDA TO CONTINUE PROVIDING MOBILE SHOWERS TO HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT REQUIRING AN EXTENSIVE APPLICATION AND APPROVAL PROCESS; DIRECTING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE MAYOR, COMMISSIONERS, AND MANAGER OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Nan H. Rich)

WHEREAS, HOPE South Florida ("HOPE") is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that has been operating since 1995 to provide crisis and rapid rehousing assistance and support services to thousands of homeless families, veterans, and individuals in Broward County and throughout South Florida;

WHEREAS, HOPE, in the furtherance of its mission to provide hope for homeless and hurting families, provides mobile showers, in conjunction with serving food, to homeless individuals on a weekly basis at various churches located throughout the City of Fort Lauderdale ("City");

WHEREAS, under the City's Code of Ordinances, there is a requirement to apply for an event permit in order to host certain outdoor events, including those related to the provision of food, hygiene care, and other social services provided to address public welfare and health concerns;

1 WHEREAS, under the City's Code of Ordinances, there is no requirement to apply
2 for an event permit in order to host indoor food distribution events at local churches with
3 available restroom facilities for the homeless;

4 WHEREAS, the City is requiring HOPE to submit an application and pay an
5 application fee every 90 days to provide mobile showers, in conjunction with serving food,
6 to the homeless at local churches;

7 WHEREAS, it will take 60 to 90 days for the City to approve each of HOPE's
8 applications to provide mobile showers, in conjunction with serving food, to the homeless
9 at local churches;

10 WHEREAS, the City has directed HOPE to cease providing mobile showers, in
11 conjunction with serving food, to the homeless at local churches until its pending
12 application is approved;

13 WHEREAS, these services provided by HOPE benefit the public health, safety,
14 and welfare; and

15 WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County ("Board")
16 urges the City to allow HOPE to continue providing such necessary services to address
17 the public crisis of homelessness, NOW, THEREFORE,

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19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
20 BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA:

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22 Section 1. The Board urges the City to amend its Code of Ordinances to the
23 extent necessary to allow for the provision of indoor mobile showers without enduring the
24 extensive application and approval process to host such events.

