

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES, URGING ALL MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 107 AND SENATE BILL 76; DIRECTING THE LEAGUE'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, THE MEMBERS OF THE BROWARD COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the membership of the Broward League of Cities (the "League") includes all thirty-one (31) municipalities in Broward County, along with dozens of associate members; and

WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control, approximately nine (9) people are killed and more than 1,000 are injured daily in the United States in incidents reported as involving a distracted driver; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration ("NHTSA") , there were 3,477 people killed and an estimated additional 391,000 people injured in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the NHTSA reports that during daylight hours across America approximately 660,000 drivers are using cell phones or manipulating electronic devices while driving; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Occupant Protection Use Survey, handheld cell phone use continues to be highest among 16-24 year old drivers; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 107 and Senate Bill 76 seek to prohibit the operation of motor vehicles while using wireless communication devices for the purpose of nonvoice or voice interpersonal communications; and

WHEREAS, the League believes that the adoption of HB 107 and SB 76 will save lives; and

WHEREAS, the Broward League of Cities believes the adoption of HB 107 and SB 76 is in the best interests of the, citizens, residents and businesses of Broward County and the State of Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES, THAT:

Section 1. The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. The Broward League of Cities urges all members of the Florida Legislature to support the adoption of HB 107 and Sb 76.

Section 3. The Broward League of Cities further directs the League's Executive Director to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Florida League of Cities, the Broward County Legislative Delegation and any other interested parties.

Section 4. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith, be and the same are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

Section 6. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BROWARD COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES
ON THIS 7th DAY OF March, 2019.

BROWARD COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES

By: 

PRESIDENT TIM LONERGAN