

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: September 11, 2007

Consent Regular
 Public Hearing

Department:

Submitted By: ADMINISTRATION

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to receive and file: Resolution No. 007-8 of the Town Commission of the Town of Gulf Stream, Florida, supporting House Bill 1363 entitled "Organized Criminal Activity," which renames and amends the "Criminal Street Gang Prevention Act of 1996" as the "Organized Crime Group Prevention Act of 2007."

Summary: N/A

Background and Justification: N/A

Attachments: Original Document

Recommended By: Patty Anille 8/27/07
Agenda Coordinator Date

Approved By: N/A _____
Assistant County Administrator Date

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RESOLUTION NO. 007-8

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF GULF STREAM, FLORIDA TO SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 1363 ENTITLED "ORGANIZED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY," WHICH RENAMES AND AMENDS THE "CRIMINAL STREET GANG PREVENTION ACT OF 1996" AS THE "ORGANIZED CRIME GROUP PREVENTION ACT OF 2007;" URGING THE SUPPORT OF FLORIDA GOVERNOR CRIST, THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, THE MAYOR OF EACH MUNICIPALITY IN PALM BEACH COUNTY, THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, THE LEADERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO FLORIDA GOVERNOR CRIST, THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, THE MAYOR OF EACH MUNICIPALITY IN PALM BEACH COUNTY, THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, THE LEADERSHIP OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES AND EACH MEMBER OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida House Representative Gonzalez and others have introduced HB 1363 entitled "Organized Crime Activity;" and

WHEREAS, the bill renames the "Criminal Street Gang Prevention Act of 1996" as the "Organized Crime Group Prevention Act of 2007" and replaces the term "criminal street gang" with "organized crime group" throughout the Act and other referencing statutes; and

WHEREAS, the bill authorizes the Florida Department of Law Enforcement ("FDLE") to compile and retain additional information regarding organized crime groups for law enforcement purposes and authorizes local law enforcement agencies to compile crime group information and to notify prosecutors of an arrested individual's organized crime group membership status; and

WHEREAS, the bill creates a term and condition of community supervision, that prohibits organized crime group members from communicating with any other organized crime group member through any means, except as authorized by certain entities for the purpose of aiding in the investigation of organized criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, the bill makes it a third degree felony for any person to use electronic communication to further any criminal purpose, to intimidate or harass other persons, or to advertise his or her presence in the community; and

WHEREAS, the bill makes it a second degree felony for any person to possess or manufacture any blank, forged, stolen, fictitious, fraudulent, counterfeit, or otherwise unlawfully issued identification document in furtherance of a criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, the bill requires FDLE to administer organized crime prevention and enforcement grants; and

WHEREAS, for these reasons, the Town Commission urges Florida Governor Crist, and the Florida Legislature to support HB 1363 and also urges the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation, the mayor of each municipality in Palm Beach County, the leadership for the Palm Beach County League of Cities, the leadership of the Florida League of Cities, and each member of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners to support HB 1363; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission finds that this resolution should be forwarded to Florida Governor Crist, the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation, the mayor of each municipality in Palm Beach County, the leadership for the Palm Beach County League of Cities, the leadership of the Florida League of Cities, and each member of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.

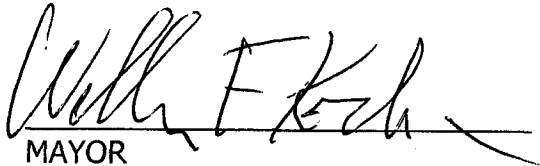
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF GULF STREAM, FLORIDA THAT:

Section 1: The foregoing recitals are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 2: For the reasons stated herein above, the Town Commission of the Town of Gulf Stream urges Florida Governor Crist, and the Florida Legislature to support HB 1363 and also urges the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation, the mayor of each municipality in Palm Beach County, the leadership for the Palm Beach County League of Cities, the leadership of the Florida League of Cities, and each member of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners to support HB 1363.

Section 3: The Town Commission hereby directs that this resolution be forwarded immediately to Florida Governor Crist, and the Florida Legislature to support HB 1363 and also urges the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation, the mayor of each municipality in Palm Beach County, the leadership for the Palm Beach County League of Cities, the leadership of the Florida League of Cities, and each member of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.

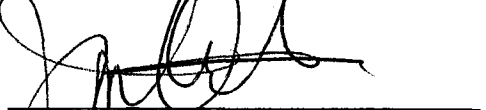
Section 4: This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption. PASSED AND ADOPTED in a regular session this 27th day of July, 2007.


MAYOR



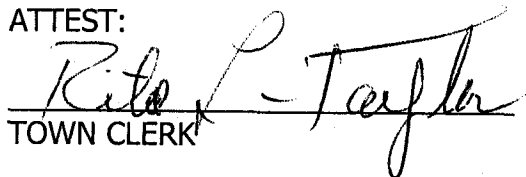






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ATTEST:


TOWN CLERK