

## RESOLUTION NO. 06 - 13

### A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF STATE LEGISLATION THAT COMMITS TO TRAFFIC SAFETY BY RECOGNIZING RED LIGHT RUNNING AS A THREAT TO THE SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC-AT-LARGE AND IMPLEMENTING AUTOMATED PHOTO ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS TO DETER VIOLATIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**WHEREAS**, red light running, a dangerous and costly problem in Florida and nationwide, results in over one million automobile crashes each year, producing more than 500,000 injuries and more than 1,000 fatalities; and

**WHEREAS**, red light running costs the public an estimated \$7 billion per year in lost wages, medical bills and damages; and

**WHEREAS**, every day, thousands of motorists run red lights in Florida, recklessly endangering their lives and the lives of other motorists and pedestrians; and

**WHEREAS**, each year, according to the Florida State Highway Patrol, over 300,000 motorists are ticketed for running red lights in Florida every year, and more than 9,000 of those motorists crash; and

**WHEREAS**, crashes caused by drivers who run red lights can have the same result as crashes caused by drunk drivers – serious injury or death – leaving victims with severe long-term physical and emotional scars; and

**WHEREAS**, red light running is often a result of aggressive driving and the time saved by avoiding a red light – an average of 47 seconds – is not worth the potential cost in human lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of automated photo enforcement systems as a means of deterring violations of red light traffic signals has proven to reduce intersection collisions by more than 40% and whereby the State of Florida is urged to allow the implementation of these systems to increase traffic safety across our state.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The City Council hereby authorizes the transmittal of this resolution to the State of Florida Legislature in support of regulating the practice of red light running by implementing automated photo enforcement systems as a means of deterring violations

**Section 2.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

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The foregoing Resolution was offered by Councilman Van Name who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Cabrera and upon being put to a

vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez	Y
Vice Mayor Peter Cabrera	Y
Councilman Michael DiPietro	Absent
Councilwoman Sandra Ruiz	Y
Councilman Robert Van Name	Y

PASSED and ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006.

  
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JUAN CARLOS BERMUDEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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BARBARA HERRERA-HILL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE  
SOLE USE OF THE CITY OF DORAL:

  
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JOHN J. HEARN, CITY ATTORNEY