

**RESOLUTION No. 15-86**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 378 (2015) TO EXPAND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' ABILITY TO GIVE A WARNING, INFORM THE PARENTS/GUARDIAN OR ISSUE CIVIL CITATIONS FOR A DIVERSION PROGRAM TO JUVENILES IN LIEU OF ARREST; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, Florida Statute 985.12 originally authorized issuance of civil citation in lieu of arrest but only for first-time juvenile offenders; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 378 has been proposed in an effort to expand law enforcement officers' authority to issue warnings, notices to parents/guardians, participation in diversion programs, or proscribing community service, in lieu of arrests to juveniles beyond first-time offenders of minor crimes; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 378 will give young offenders more opportunities to become productive members of society by including juveniles who have committed minor crimes more than one time and who would otherwise have been arrested.

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

**Section 1. Recitals.** The Mayor and the City Council of the City of Doral, Florida, hereby support Senate Bill 378 (2015) to expand the Florida Stat. Sec. 985.12 titled Civil Citation to issue warnings, notices to parents/guardians, participation in diversion programs, or proscribing community service. A copy of the pertinent portion of Senate Bill 378 is attached.

**Section 2. City Clerk.** The City Clerk is hereby directed to send an electronic copy of this Resolution to the Mayor and County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County,

Florida, all elected municipal officials in Miami-Dade County, all south Florida municipalities, every City Clerk in the State of Florida, every County Clerk in the State of Florida, every state senator and representative, and the Florida League of Cities, Inc.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Councilmember Fraga who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Luigi Boria	Yes
Vice Mayor Sandra Ruiz	Yes
Councilman Pete Cabrera	Yes
Councilwoman Christi Fraga	Yes
Councilwoman Ana Maria Rodriguez	Yes

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14 day of April, 2015.

  
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LUIGI BORIA, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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CONNIE DIAZ, CITY CLERK

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

  
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WEISS, SEROTA, HELFMAN, COLE, & BIERMAN, PL  
CITY ATTORNEY