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Hallandale Beach, FL 33009

## City of Hallandale Beach City Commission Agenda Cover Memo

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	September 7, 2016		<b>Item Type:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	<b>Resolution</b> X	<b>Ordinance</b>	<b>Other</b>	
<b>Fiscal Impact:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Ordinance Reading:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	<b>1st Reading</b>		<b>2nd Reading</b>	
		X	<b>Public Hearing:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Funding Source:</b>	N/A		<b>Advertising Requirement:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>	
						X	
<b>Account Balance:</b>	N/A		<b>Quasi Judicial:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>	
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<b>Project Number :</b>	N/A		<b>RFP/RFQ/Bid Number:</b>	N/A			
<b>Contract/P.O. Required:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Strategic Plan Priority Area:</b> <i>(Enter X in box)</i>  <b>Safety</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Quality</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Vibrant Appeal</b> <input type="checkbox"/>				
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<b>Sponsor Name:</b>	Commissioner Michele Lazarow		<b>Department:</b>	Mayor and City Commission			

### Short Title:

A RESOLUTION OF MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO AMEND SECTION 316.305 OF THE FLORIDA STATUTE TO AUTHORIZE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO STOP MOTOR VEHICLES AND ISSUE CITATIONS AS A PRIMARY OFFENSE TO PERSONS WHO ARE TEXTING WHILE DRIVING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

### Staff Summary:

### Background:

With the Consensus of the City Commission, During the August 17, 2016 City Commission Meeting Commissioner Lazarow requested an Agenda Item urging the Florida Legislation to sanction texting while driving as a primary offense.

The Florida Legislature has enacted Florida Statue 316.305 "Florida Ban on Texting while Driving Law" in 2013. This law authorizes law enforcement officers to issue a citation to individuals only as a secondary offense for texting while driving. Since the law inception there have been approximately forty-five thousand seven hundred (45,700) automobile crashes attributed to distracted drivers, up by 33%.

State Senator Thad Altman attempted to amend 316.305 to make texting while driving a primary offense, allowing law enforcement officers the authority to stop motor vehicle drivers when no other traffic violation offense is occurring and said bill died in committee.

By approval of the attached Resolution, the Commission would strongly urge the Florida Legislators to strengthen the Florida law banning texting while driving by amending Section 316.305 in the 2017 Legislative Session to make it a primary offense.

**Why Action is Necessary:**

Pursuant to Article V, Section 5.01 of the City of Hallandale Beach Charter, a Resolution adopted by the Commission is an expression of the Commission on matters of official concern and opinion.

**Proposed Action:**

The City Commission consider the attached Resolution strongly urge the Florida Legislators to strengthen the Florida law banning texting while driving by amending Section 316.305 in the 2017 Legislative Session to make it a primary offense.

**Attachment(s):**