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3	RESOLUTION NO. 2017 -
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5 6	A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH,
7	FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 416 AND
8 9	HOUSE BILL 151 RELATING TO PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING MINORS OR CERTAIN OTHER PERSONS;
10	PROVIDING THAT JUDGES MAY ALLOW THE USE OF
11 12	CERTAIN THERAPY ANIMALS OR FACILITY DOGS IN
12	PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING ABUSE, ABANDONMENT, OR NEGLECT; ALLOWING SUCH ANIMALS TO BE USED
14	WHEN TAKING THE TESTIMONY OF CERTAIN OTHER
15 16	PERSONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
17	WHEREAS, scientific research shows that animals significantly reduce
18	physiological and behavioral distress in children, including a lowering of heart rate and
19	blood pressure; and
20	WHEREAS, current law authorizes a trial court to enter any order necessary to
21	protect a child victim or witness, a person who has an intellectual disability or a sexual
22	offense victim or witness of any age from severe emotional or mental harm due to the
23	presence of the defendant. The court may also allow the use of service or therapy animals
24	to assist a child victim or witness, or a sexual offense victim or witness, in a sexual offense
25	proceeding; and
26	WHEREAS, currently support animals must be evaluated and registered according
27	to national standards. Local courts utilizing such animals typically develop detailed
28	requirements for their use; and
29	WHEREAS, Senate Bill 416 and House Bill 151 would expand the list of
30	proceedings in which support animals may be used to include any proceeding involving
31	child abuse, abandonment, or neglect; and expand the categories of allowable animals to
32	include a "facility dog"; and
33	WHEREAS, the proposed legislation allows a court to set any conditions it finds
34	just and appropriate when taking the testimony of a person who has an intellectual
35	disability, including the use of a service animal, therapy animal, or facility dog; and
36	WHEREAS, the proposed legislation removes the requirement for registration of
37	an animal pursuant to national standards, and replaces it with a requirement that an animal

38 be trained and evaluated according to industry standards.

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40	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY
41	COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA:
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43	SECTION 1. Support of Senate Bill 416 and House Bill 151. The Mayor and
44	City Commission hereby support Senate Bill 416 and House Bill 151, relating to the use
45	of animals in court proceedings involving minors and certain other persons.
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47	SECTION 2. Directions to City Manager and City Clerk. The Mayor and City
48	Commission direct the City Manager to take all necessary steps to effectuate this
49	resolution and direct the Clerk to cause a copy of this resolution to be forwarded to all
50	appropriate parties.
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52	SECTION 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon
53	its passage and adoption.
54 55 56 57	APPROVED AND ADOPTED this day of March, 2017.
58 59	JOY F. COOPER
60	MAYOR
61 62 63	SPONSORED BY: COMMISSIONER MICHELE LAZAROW
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67 68 69 70	MARIO BATAILLE, CMC CITY CLERK
71 72 73 74	APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY AND FORM
75 76 77	JENNIFER MERINO CITY ATTORNEY