

EXHIBIT 1
RESOLUTION NO. 2017 -

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE WALLET CARD PROJECT, A TOOL WHICH HELPS FACILITATE BETTER COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PERSONS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER ("ASD") AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS; AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO (1) PROVIDE TRAINING TO ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL ON THE USE OF THE WALLET CARD; AND (2) TO TAKE STEPS TO CREATE A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DISABILITY INDEPENDENCE GROUP, THE HALLANDALE BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI-NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR AUTISM AND RELATED DISABILITIES TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THE USE OF THE WALLET CARD IN THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, according to the National Institutes of Health, the term autism spectrum disorder ("ASD") refers to a range of complex neurodevelopment disorders that are characterized by social impairments, communication difficulties, and restricted, repetitive, and stereotyped patterns of behavior; and

WHEREAS, autistic disorder, sometimes called autism or classical ASD, is the most severe form of ASD, while milder forms include Asperger syndrome, childhood disintegrative disorder, and pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise specified; and

WHEREAS, although ASD varies significantly in character and severity, it occurs in all ethnic and socioeconomic groups and affects every age group; and

WHEREAS, individuals with ASD and other cognitive impairments often face difficulties communicating with others, including first responders and law enforcement personnel; and

WHEREAS, the Wallet Card is a free personalized identification card for teenagers and adults who have ASD or intellectual disabilities designed to help them communicate with law enforcement officers and first responders about their disability and the challenges they face; and

WHEREAS, the Wallet Card contains information such as the card holder's diagnosis, some of the challenges the person faces, and the person's emergency contact information; and

40 **WHEREAS**, the Wallet Card is available to all persons who have been diagnosed
41 with ASD or an intellectual disability, regardless of where they reside; and

42 **WHEREAS**, the Wallet Card can be requested online at [www.justdigit.org/wallet-](http://www.justdigit.org/wallet-cards)
43 cards; and

44 **WHEREAS**, the use of the Wallet Card in the City of Hallandale Beach could have
45 a substantial positive impact on the safety of our residents; and

46 **WHEREAS**, the training of law enforcement and first responders with respect to
47 individuals with ASD or other intellectual disability would improve safety and community
48 relations; and

49 **WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Commission wishes to express its support of the
50 Wallet Card and desires to promote its use in the City of Hallandale Beach; and

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52 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY**
53 **COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA:**

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55 **SECTION 1:** Approves and incorporates the foregoing recitals in this Resolution.

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57 **SECTION 2:** The Mayor and City Commission support the use of the Wallet Card
58 throughout Miami-Dade and Broward County and express their desire to promote
59 heightened communication between persons with ASD and other intellectual disabilities
60 and first responders and law enforcement.

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62 **SECTION 3:** The Mayor and City Commission hereby direct the City Manager or
63 Designee: (1) to coordinate training of law enforcement, first responders and residents
64 regarding the use of the Wallet Card; and (2) to take steps to create a partnership with the
65 Disability Independence Group, the Hallandale Beach Police Department, and the
66 University of Miami-Nova Southeastern University Center for Autism and Related
67 Disabilities to provide support for the use of the Wallet Card in the City of Hallandale
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70 **SECTION 4: Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon
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73 APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of March, 2017.

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SPONSORED BY: MAYOR JOY COOPER

ATTEST:

JOY F. COOPER
MAYOR

MARIO BATAILLE, CMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
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CITY ATTORNEY