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Hallandale Beach, FL 33009

City of Hallandale Beach City Commission Agenda Cover Memo

Meeting Date:	March 15, 2017		Item Type: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Resolution X	Ordinance	Other	
Fiscal Impact: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes	No	Ordinance Reading: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	1st Reading		2nd Reading	
		X	Public Hearing: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes	No	Yes	No
Funding Source:	N/A		Advertising Requirement: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes		No	
						X	
Account Balance:	N/A		Quasi Judicial: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes		No	
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Project Number :	N/A		RFP/RFQ/Bid Number:				
Contract/P.O. Required: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes	No	Strategic Plan Priority Area: <i>(Enter X in box)</i> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vibrant Appeal <input type="checkbox"/>				
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Sponsor Name:	Michele Lazarow, Commissioner		Department: Police	Dwayne S. Flournoy, Chief Of Police			

Short Title:

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.

Staff Summary:

Background:

According to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, Autism Spectrum, Disorder (ASD) refers to a group of complex neurodevelopment disorders characterized by repetitive and characteristic patterns of behavior and difficulties with social communication and interaction. The term “spectrum” refers to the wide range of symptoms, skills and levels of disability in functioning that can occur in those with ASD and can include a diagnosis of Asperger syndrome, childhood disintegrative disorder and pervasive developmental disorders not otherwise specified.

ASD occurs in every racial, ethnic and socioeconomic group and affects every age group.

Many persons with ASD and other developmental disorders find communication with others to be difficult. Interactions with law enforcement personnel and first responders can prove particularly challenging.

The Hallandale Beach Police Department recommends a partnership with The Wallet Card Project. The Wallet Card Project is a project of The Disability Independence Group, Inc, which was designed in collaboration with The Coral Gables Police Department, The University of Miami, and Nova Southeastern University Center for Autism and Related Disabilities.

The Wallet Card is a free identification card to be used by a teenager or an adult with a disability and is designed to assist those with developmental disabilities in communicating with law enforcement personnel and first responders. The Wallet Card contains the card holder's name, diagnosis, emergency contact, and some of the challenges the person faces.

Analysis:

The Hallandale Beach Police Department will provide training to all law enforcement personnel as well as to those who reside within our community and have been diagnosed with ASD or intellectual disability on how to improve interactions and how best to use the Wallet Cards to assist in communication between Police and First Responders and members of our community with ASD.

The Hallandale Beach Police Department will market and advertise the Wallet Card Project through flyers/brochures, social media outlets, links through our website, community/school events and community/school meetings.

The Wallet Card can be requested online at www.justdigit.org/wallet-cards. A copy of a Power Point slide describing the wallet card is attached as Exhibit 2.

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.

Fiscal Impact:

There are no direct fiscal impacts to the City. The Wallet Cards are provided by The Disability Independence Group, Inc., and the training will be incorporated to enhance training already being done in the areas of crisis intervention, human diversity, and interacting with special needs populations.

Proposed Action:

Staff requests the City Commission adopt the attached resolution in support of the The Wallet Card Project.

Attachment(s):

Exhibit 1- Resolution

Exhibit 2 – What Is A Wallet Card? PowerPoint Slide

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