

1 EXHIBIT 1

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3 RESOLUTION NO. 2017 -

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5 A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY
6 COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH,
7 FLORIDA, SUPPORTING UNITED STATES SENATOR
8 BILL NELSON'S SENATE BILL S. 606, IDENTITY THEFT
9 AND TAX FRAUD PREVENTION ACT OF 2017, TO
10 COMBAT ID THEFT TAX FRAUD BY INCREASING
11 PENALTIES ON BOTH IDENTIFY THIEVES, AND ON TAX
12 PREPARERS WHO FAIL TO KEEP TAXPAYERS'
13 IDENTIFYING INFORMATION SECURE; AND PROVIDING
14 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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17 **WHEREAS**, Senator Bill Nelson reintroduced bill s. 606 that hits close to an issue
18 that greatly affects the State of Florida, the Identity Theft and Tax Fraud Prevention Act of
19 2017; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, South Florida ranks among the top metropolitan areas for identify theft
22 complaints, according to data released earlier by the Federal Trade Commission; and
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24 **WHEREAS**, the Florida legislation seeks to deter criminals who commit tax fraud
25 using a stolen identity by increasing penalties on both identity thieves, and on paid tax
26 preparers; and
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28 **WHEREAS**, these fraudsters are costing tax payers hundreds of millions of dollars
29 every year; and
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31 **WHEREAS**, this bill would help crack down on thieves, while also making it easier
32 for those whose identifies are stolen to get the refunds they're owed; and
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34 **WHEREAS**, the bill's intent is to develop and implement publicly available
35 guidelines for management of cases involving stolen identity refund fraud in a manner that
36 reduces the administrative burden on taxpayers who are victims of such fraud; and

37 **WHEREAS**, the bill would increase the maximum fine criminals could face for filing
38 a fraudulent tax return with someone else's identity from one hundred thousand
39 (\$100,00.00) dollars to two hundred fifty thousand (\$250,000.00) dollars; and
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41 **WHEREAS**, the bill would also increase the penalty for tax preparers who fail to
42 protect their clients' information from two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars per incident to
43 one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars; and
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45 **WHEREAS**, to speed up the time it takes the IRS to resolve these types of claims,
46 Sen. Nelson's bill would require the agency to create and implement a more streamlined
47 process for handling ID theft cases; and
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49 **WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Commission strongly support United States
50 Senator Bill Nelson's bill s. 606, Identity Theft and Tax Fraud Prevention Act of 2017 to
51 combat ID theft related tax fraud.
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53 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY**
54 **COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA:**
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56 **SECTION 1.** The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are incorporated fully herein.
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58 **SECTION 2. Support of U.S. Senator Bill Nelson S. 606 ID Theft and Tax Fraud**
59 **Prevention Act of 2017.** The Mayor and City Commission hereby support Senator Bill
60 Nelson's bill s. 606 Identity Theft and Tax Fraud Prevention Act of 2017 to combat ID theft
61 related tax fraud by increasing the maximum fine criminals face for filing a fraudulent tax
62 return with someone else's identity, and increasing the penalty for tax preparers who fail
63 to protect their client's information.
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65 **SECTION 3. Directions to City Manager and City Clerk.** The Mayor and City
66 Commission direct the City Manager to take all necessary steps to effectuate this
67 resolution and direct the Clerk to cause a copy of this resolution to be forwarded to all
68 appropriate parties.
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SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of April, 2017.

JOY F. COOPER
MAYOR

SPONSORED BY: MAJOR JOY F. COOPER

ATTEST:

MARIO BATAILLE, CMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
AND FORM

JENNIFER MERINO
CITY ATTORNEY