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**EXHIBIT 1
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF FLORIDA SENATE BILL 494: AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMAL CRUELTY REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TO POST ON ITS WEBSITE THE NAMES OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE VIOLATED SPECIFIED ANIMAL CRUELTY AND SENATE BILL 150: AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMAL CRUELTY DURING A DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY PROVIDING INCREASED CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR ANIMAL CRUELTY OFFENSES COMMITTED DURING A DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY; AND FOR PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

16 **WHEREAS**, Senate Bill (SB) 494 introduced by Florida State Senator Tom Leek
17 would compel the Department of Law Enforcement to post on its website a searchable
18 format of the names of people convicted of animal cruelty and those who pleaded guilty or
19 no contest to the same; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Florida Statute defines a person who commits animal cruelty in a
21 couple of different ways. Someone found guilty of animal cruelty as a first-degree
22 misdemeanor is one who unnecessarily overloads, overdrives, torments, deprives of
23 necessary sustenance or shelter, or unnecessarily mutilates, or kills any animal, or causes
24 the same to be done, or carries in or upon any vehicle, or otherwise, any animal in a cruel
25 or inhumane manner. In addition, a person who intentionally commits an act to any animal,
26 or a person who owns or has the custody or control of any animal and fails to act, which
27 results in the cruel death, or excessive or repeated infliction of unnecessary pain or
28 suffering, or causes the same to be done, commits aggravated animal cruelty, a felony of
29 the third degree; and

30 **WHEREAS**, the City of Hallandale Beach has documented cases of severe animal
31 abuse and neglect with some of the cases being featured in televised news networks and
32 written newspaper publications; and

33 **WHEREAS**, City of Hallandale Beach Commissioner Anabelle Lima-Taub and Vice
34 Mayor Michele Lazarow take an active role in mitigating animal abuse and neglect cases

35 within the City of Hallandale Beach and hereby declare that the current State of Florida
36 laws related to animal welfare and abuse are lacking and in need of more draconian
37 measures; and

38 **WHEREAS**, if SB 494 passes and is signed, the law would be effective July 1, 2025,
39 and implementation will be required by Jan. 1, 2026; and

40 **WHEREAS**, the Senate Criminal Justice Committee approved SB 150 sponsored by
41 Senator Gaetz garnering an 8-0 vote. Senator Gaetz and his colleagues in the Senate
42 referred to the proposal as “Trooper’s Law,” named after the dog tied to a pole by his owner
43 and his mother, who had stopped their car while evacuating from heavy hurricane rain,
44 leaving Trooper to drown in standing water along Interstate 75 near Tampa before a Florida
45 Highway Patrol trooper saved him; and

46 **WHEREAS**, the SB 150 would increase the penalties for abandoning animals using
47 a restraint during a natural disaster and make doing so a third-degree felony, which could
48 lead to a five-year prison sentence and a fine of up to \$10,000; and

49 **WHEREAS**, Republican Reps. Philip Griffitts of Panama City and Susan Plasencia
50 of Winter Park filed a companion bill in the House; and

51 **WHEREAS**, the Animal Control Association, Humane Society of the United States
52 and the Orange County Sheriff’s Office support the bill; and

53 **WHEREAS**, if passed, the bill would take effect July 1, 2025.

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

56 **SECTION 1.** Animal abuse continues to be in the crosshairs of the Florida
57 Legislature this year after Floridians were shocked last year by the story of a dog that
58 would come to be known as Trooper, who was tied to a pole as Hurricane Milton
59 approached on October 9, 2024 and rescued by a Florida Highway Patrol state trooper.

60 **SECTION 2.** SB 494 will require the Dept. of Law Enforcement to post on its
61 website, in a searchable format the names of those individuals who have been convicted
62 of, or who have entered a plea of guilty, nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a
63 violation of Section 828.12.

64 **SECTION 3.** SB 150 would increase the penalties for abandoning animals using a
65 restraint during a natural disaster and make doing so a third-degree felony, which could
66 lead to a five-year prison sentence and fine of up to \$10,000.

67 **SECTION 4.** The City of Hallandale Beach Commission hereby expresses its
68 unwavering support of the passage of SB 494 and SB 150 and deems this legislation as
69 vital for the future of animal welfare making Florida a tough on animal abuse and neglect
70 state.

71 **SECTION 5.** The City of Hallandale Beach Clerk is hereby directed to furnish a
72 copies of this Resolution to the sponsors of SB 494 and SB 150, the State of Florida
73 Legislature and to the Office of Governor DeSantis.

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75 APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____ 20__.

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JOY F. COOPER
MAYOR

82 SPONSORED BY: COMMISSIONER ANABELLE LIMA-TAUB

83 ATTEST:

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JENORGEN GUILLEN
87 CITY CLERK

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89 APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
90 AND FORM

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JENNIFER MERINO
95 CITY ATTORNEY