

CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING ITS SUPPORT OF THE BROWARD COUNTY AUDIT OF THE ANIMAL CARE AND ADOPTION DIVISION, REPORT NO. 21-05, DATED DECEMBER 16, 2020; PROVIDING FOR ITS SUPPORT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GUIDELINES AND BEST PRACTICES BY THE ANIMAL CARE AND ADOPTION DIVISION WITH THE GOAL OF PROVIDING BETTER CARE FOR THE DOGS AND CATS MAINTAINED AT THE SHELTER; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA:

WHEREAS, the Broward County Adoption Shelter is located at 2400 SW 42nd Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312 and is maintained and operated by Broward County through the Animal Care and Adoption Division for the purposes of providing care of dogs and cats;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners requested that an audit of the overall operation of the Broward County Shelter be undertaken by the Broward County Office of the County Auditor; and

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2020, the Office of the County Auditor issued its audit that among other things, the operation of the Shelter does not consistently adhere to best practices and laws, and that the programs and processes utilized at the Broward County Shelter are not operating effectively; and

WHEREAS, the audit identifies that 78% of the calls from the public, the majority of which relate directly to interest in the animals, go unanswered; and

WHEREAS, the audit indicates that the Broward County Shelter is understaffed by 33% and needs to increase staffing by 30-36 full-time employees; and

WHEREAS, the audit identifies that the use of volunteers

has been eliminated for months, and recommends that it be reinstated and efficiently administered; and

WHEREAS, the operation of the Shelter results in animals in interior kennels being left in the dark for 14-18 hours a day; and

WHEREAS, the current operation at the Shelter relative to animal confinement (kennels/cages) fails to meet industry standards, which requires a minimum of two feet of space between defecation, feeding and resting areas for felines and soft bedding for canines; and

WHEREAS, the Broward County Shelter does not meet "no-kill" guidelines established by Broward County and statistics for October 2020 show 115 animal deaths. 27 died "in care" and 88 were euthanized, often without following proper protocol for public outreach before being euthanized; and

WHEREAS, the audit indicates that basic medical care is lacking due to insufficient veterinary oversight; and

WHEREAS, the audit identifies that outdoor canine play areas go unutilized while dogs are kept in cages day after day; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Margate deems it in the best interest of the City to express its support of the Broward County Audit of the Animal Care and Adoption Division dated December 16, 2020.

**SECTION 1:** The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are true and correct and hereby ratified and confirmed by the City Commission. All exhibits attached hereto are hereby incorporated herein.

**SECTION 2:** The City Commission of the City of Margate, Florida hereby expresses its support of the Broward County Audit of the Animal Care and Adoption Division dated December 16, 2020; a copy of the Audit is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

**SECTION 3:** The City Commission of the City of Margate, Florida expresses its concern that the Broward County Shelter, due to operational failures, fails to provide adequate care for dogs and cats and therefore the City Commission fully supports that all the recommendations contained in the audit be immediately implemented and adhered to by the Broward County Animal Care and Adoption Division.

**SECTION 4:** The appropriate City officials are authorized and directed to execute the necessary documents to comply with this Resolution.

**SECTION 5:** That the City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Broward County Administrator and the Board of County Commissioners for Broward County.

**SECTION 6:** All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith, be and the same are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 7:** If any clause, section or other part of this Resolution shall be held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such unconstitutional or invalid part shall be considered eliminated and will in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this Resolution.

**SECTION 8:** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021.

ATTEST:

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JOSEPH J. KAVANAGH  
CITY CLERK

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MAYOR ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ

RECORD OF VOTE

Caggiano \_\_\_\_\_  
Simone \_\_\_\_\_  
Ruzzano \_\_\_\_\_  
Arserio \_\_\_\_\_  
Schwartz \_\_\_\_\_