



AGENDA REPORT
March 26, 2019

Resolution supporting passage of Senate Bill 1738

SUBJECT:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

DEPT/OFFICE:

Agenda Coordinator

REQUESTED ACTION:

Commission is asked to approve the attached resolution drafted by Commissioner Lober.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- ▢ Resolution SB 1738



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March 27, 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: Frank Abbate, County Manager

RE: Item J.6., Resolution Supporting Passage of Senate Bill 1738

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on March 26, 2019, adopted Resolution No. 19-049, supporting the passage of Senate Bill 1738. Enclosed is a certified copy of the Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

for Donna Scott
for Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

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cc: Each Commissioner
County Attorney

Resolution 19- 049

Supporting the Passage of Senate Bill 1738

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1738, an act relating to animal welfare, has been introduced by Senator Joe Gruters of Dist. 23; and

WHEREAS, dogs, due to their sentience and capability of feeling, perception, and affection, ought to be afforded certain protections not necessarily afforded to non-sentient creatures; and

WHEREAS, the legislature has long recognized the need to protect animals from inhumane treatment by virtue of having criminalized cruelty to animals pursuant to §828.12, Fla. Stat.; and

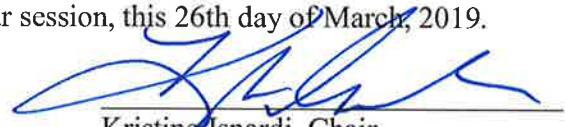
WHEREAS, §828.12, Fla. Stat., as presently enacted, criminalizes depriving any animal of necessary sustenance or shelter; and

WHEREAS, hurricanes represent a genuine and persistent threat, year after year, in coastal areas throughout Florida; and

WHEREAS, §828.12, Fla. Stat., ought to be amended to specifically criminalize leaving a dog outside and unattended by use of a restraint during a manmade or natural disaster so that there may be no ambiguity, whatsoever, as to the criminality of this inhumane and cruel action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, does let it be known that it supports the passage of Senate Bill 1738.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 26th day of March, 2019.



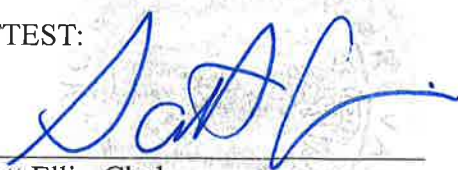
Kristine Isnardi, Chair

Board of County Commissioners

Brevard County, Florida

As approved by Board 3/26/19

ATTEST:



Scott Ellis, Clerk