

RESOLUTION NO. 2008 - 025

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, ENCOURAGING MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD REGULATE THE PARASAILING INDUSTRY; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE TOWN CLERK; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, fifteen year old Amber White was fatally injured in Pompano Beach while parasailing; and

WHEREAS, recreational parasailing is offered for hire on tidal waters throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the parasailing industry is virtually unregulated by the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, most commercial parasailing activities take place on state waters and outside the boundaries of municipalities and counties making it virtually impossible for municipalities and counties to regulate the industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida:

Section 1: That the foregoing "Whereas" paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and same are hereby made a specific part of this resolution.

Section 2: The Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, hereby requests the Florida Legislature to adopt legislation which would regulate the commercial parasailing industry so as to more fully protect those citizens participating in the activity.


Section 3: The Town Clerk is hereby directed to provide true copies of this Resolution to Lois Wexler, Mayor of Broward County; Ken Pruitt, President of the Florida Senate; Marco Rubio, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives; the Broward County League of Cities; and each of the several cities, towns, and villages of Broward County.

Section 4: This Resolution shall become effective upon passage.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE]

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this 13th day of December 2007, on a motion by Council Member Don Maines and seconded by Council Member Aster Knight.

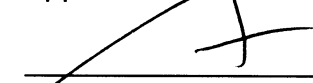
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| Fink | <u>Y</u> | Ayes | <u>5</u> |
| Nelson | <u>Y</u> | Nays | <u>0</u> |
| Breitkreuz | <u>Y</u> | Absent | <u>0</u> |
| Knight | <u>Y</u> | Abstaining | <u>0</u> |
| Maines | <u>Y</u> | | |


Mecca Fink, Mayor

ATTEST:


Susan A. Owens, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:


Gary A. Poliakoff, J.D., Town Attorney
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