

RESOLUTION 2024-08

A RESOLUTION OF CITY OF PALM BAY, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 3 (HB3), PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM ONLINE EXPLOITATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, research has shown a strong link between excessive social media use and negative consequences for children, and

WHEREAS, HB3 protects children from online exploitation by requiring social medial platforms to terminate accounts by account holders younger than fourteen (14) years of age; prohibits a minor who is fourteen (14) or fifteen (15) years old from entering into a contract without the parent or guardian's consent for the minor to be an account holder; allows the confirmed parent of an account holder younger than fourteen (14) years of age to request the account be terminated; authorizes the Department of Legal Affairs to bring actions under the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act for knowing or reckless violations; and authorizes the department to issue and enforce civil investigative demands under certain circumstances," and

WHEREAS, the Florida House of Representative and the Senate have passed the bill.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM BAY, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, as follows:

SECTION 1. The City supports the enactment of HB3 and the efforts by the Florida Legislature to protect children from online exploitation while respecting parental rights.

SECTION 2. The City Clerk is hereby directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to Governor DeSantis.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon the enactment date.

This resolution was duly enacted at Meeting 2024-XX, of the City Council of the City of Palm Bay, Brevard County, Florida, held on _____, 2024.

Rob Medina, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Terese M. Jones, CITY CLERK