

RESOLUTION NO. 14-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, OPPOSING FLORIDA SENATE BILLS SPB 7014 AND SPB 7016, SUPPORTING THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM, THE GROUP STOP THE ORGANIZED PILL PUSHERS ("STOPP") AND STOPP'S EFFORTS IN OPPOSITION TO FLORIDA SENATE BILLS SPB 7014 AND SPB 7016, AND URGING THE BROWARD COUNTY STATE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION TO OPPOSE FLORIDA SENATE BILLS SPB 7014 AND SPB 7016

WHEREAS, Section 893.055, Florida Statutes (2013), provides for a comprehensive electronic database system for controlled substance prescriptions; and

WHEREAS, Section 893.0551, Florida Statutes (2013), provides for the Florida Department of Health's disclosure of certain confidential information to "[a] law enforcement agency that has initiated an active investigation involving a specific violation of law regarding prescription drug abuse or diversion of prescribed controlled substances," and further, that "[t]he law enforcement agency may disclose the confidential and exempt information received from the department to a criminal justice agency as defined in s. 119.011 as part of an active investigation that is specific to a violation of prescription drug abuse or prescription drug diversion law as it relates to controlled substances."; and

WHEREAS, if passed, Florida Senate Bill SPB 7014 would limit and condition disclosure of information by the Health Department's various health care regulatory boards to law enforcement agencies, require a subpoena issued by a court of competent jurisdiction upon a showing of reasonable suspicion of potential criminal activity, fraud, or theft regarding prescribed controlled substances for the Health Department's disclosure of confidential information to law enforcement agencies, and place conditions on a law enforcement agency's disclosure of information to a criminal justice agency; and

WHEREAS, if passed, Florida Senate Bill SPB 7016 would require a law enforcement agency to submit to the Department of Health a subpoena issued by a court of competent jurisdiction upon a showing of reasonable suspicion of potential criminal activity, fraud, or theft regarding prescribed controlled substances as a condition of direct access to information in the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program database; and

WHEREAS, if passed, Florida Senate Bills SPB 7014 and SPB 7016 would serve to dilute the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program and frustrate efforts by law enforcement to enforce laws regarding prescription drug abuse; and

WHEREAS, Stop the Organized Pill Pushers ("STOPP") is an organization that advocates in favor of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

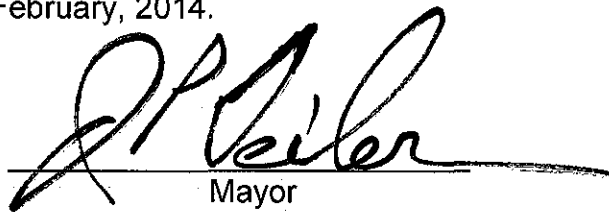
SECTION 1. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, opposes Florida Senate Bills SPB 7014 and SPB 7016.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, supports the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, STOPP, and STOPP's efforts in opposition to Florida Senate Bills SPB 7014 and SPB 7016.

SECTION 3. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, urges the Broward County state legislative delegation to oppose Florida Senate Bills SPB 7014 and SPB 7016.

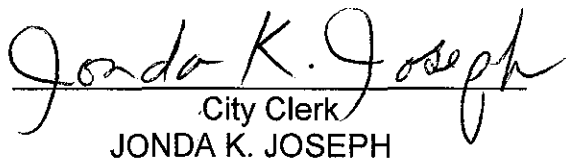
SECTION 4. That the City Clerk is directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to each member of the Broward County state legislative delegation.

ADOPTED this the 4th day of February, 2014.



Mayor
JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER

ATTEST:



City Clerk
JONDA K. JOSEPH