

RESOLUTION NO. 11 - 48

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF DORAL, FLORIDA URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO CRACK DOWN ON PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE BY REGULATING PILL MILLS AND IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENTING SUCH LEGISLATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the black market for painkillers in Florida has flourished and as such, cracking down on prescription drug abuse has received wide support in the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, lawmakers vowed to get serious about regulating pill mills after a Miami Herald series of articles spotlighted South Florida as the pill mill capital of the United States; and

WHEREAS, at the Spring 2010 Legislature Session, the Legislature passed legislation to regulate pill mills which was set to begin on November 28, 2010; however, because of other financial regulations, the pill mills legislation has been stalled; and

WHEREAS, the pill mills legislation would have helped to curb some aspects of abuse by specifying basic standards for pain clinics and surprise inspections each year; and;

WHEREAS, the Legislature enacted a new law requiring Legislature approval of new rules that cost more than One Million Dollars over a five-year period, which affects the implementation of the pill mill legislation; and

WHEREAS, due to that new law, a more comprehensive cost estimate will have to be prepared by the Board of Medicine and the Department of Health prior to implementation of pill mills legislation; and

WHEREAS, while the legislature is waiting for the cost estimates to be prepared, the regulations involving pill mills are in limbo have halted an effort to regulate pill mills that have fueled an epidemic of prescription drug abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Doral believed that urging the Florida Legislature to crack down on prescription drug abuse by regulating pill mills and immediately implementing such legislation will eliminate doctor shopping by addicts within our communities and the State of Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. This Mayor and Council of the City of Doral, Florida hereby urge the Florida Legislature to crack down on prescription drug abuse by regulating pill mills and immediately implementing such legislation.

Section 3. The City Clerk is hereby directed and authorized to send a copy of this Resolution to the Office of the Governor of the State of Florida, the Florida Legislature, the Florida Board of Medicine, and the Florida Department of Health.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Councilman Boria who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor DiPietro and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Juan Carlos Bermudez	Yes
Vice Mayor Michael DiPietro	Yes
Councilman Luigi Boria	Yes
Councilman Peter Cabrera	Yes
Councilwoman Ana Maria Rodriguez	Yes

PASSED and ADOPTED this 13th day of April, 2011.



JUAN CARLOS BERMUDEZ, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BARBARA HERRERA, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



JIMMY L. MORALES, ESQ., CITY ATTORNEY