



## RESOLUTION # 2012-27

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA, URGING AND ENCOURAGING THE FLORIDA STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION BANNING THE MARKETING, POSSESSION, TRAFFICKING AND FURNISHING OF "BATH SALTS" CONTAINING DANGEROUS SYNTHETIC DRUGS.**

**WHEREAS**, certain synthetic hallucinogenic drugs marketed as "bath salts" are powerful stimulant drugs that are suspected to have been designed to avoid prosecution; and

**WHEREAS**, "Ivory Wave", "Purple Wave", "Vanilla Sky", and "Bliss" are all among the many street names of a so-called designer drug known as "bath salts"; and

**WHEREAS**, with recent developments involving individuals' use of "bath salts" containing dangerous synthetic drugs, stricter measures must be taken to stop the growing prevalence of this designer drug; and

**WHEREAS**, dangerous drugs like "bath salts" containing dangerous synthetic drugs are terrorizing our communities and destroying lives; and

**WHEREAS**, citing an "imminent threat to public safety", the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") made illegal the possession or sale of all known chemicals used to make "bath salts" for a one-year period; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Commission urge the DEA to make the ban permanent, in order to protect our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, by marketing these products as "bath salts" and labeling them "not for human consumption", specifically enumerating them as illegal has been avoided; and

**WHEREAS**, in recent years, the abuse of "bath salts" has been increasing and have become increasingly popular due to the perception that they pose a seemingly safer alternative to illegal methods of getting "high"; and

**WHEREAS**, "bath salts" are readily available on the internet, at convenience stores, discount tobacco outlets, gas stations, pawn shops, tattoo parlors, and other locations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Commission believe that legislation banning the marketing, possession, trafficking and furnishing of "bath salts" containing dangerous synthetic drugs will give law enforcement the tools they need to keep our streets safe from this new and emerging drug that ruins lives and causes havoc in communities across the country.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI** as follows:

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are true and correct.

**Section 2.** The Mayor and City Commission the City of West Miami, Florida, hereby urge and encourage the State Legislature to enact legislation that bans the marketing, possession, trafficking and furnishing of "bath salts" containing dangerous synthetic drugs within the State of Florida.

**Section 3.** The City Clerk is hereby directed and authorized to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Rick Scott, and to all State Representatives, State Senators, the presiding Officers and Council/Commission members of the municipalities in Miami-Dade County, and to Richard Kuper, Esquire, Executive Director of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.


APPROVED:

  
EDUARDO H. MUÑINA, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
ANNERY GONZALEZ, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND SUFFICIENCY:

  
JOSE A. VILLALOBOS, CITY ATTORNEY

ROLL CALL VOTE:

MAYOR EDUARDO H. MUÑINA	<u>Y</u>
VICE -MAYOR LUCIANO L. SUAREZ	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER CANDIDA BLANCA	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER JUAN M. BLANES	<u>ABSENT</u>
COMMISSIONER ELSA J. VAZQUEZ	<u>Y</u>