BEFORE THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NUMBER 43-2019

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 219 AND SENATE BILL 370, AMENDING FLORIDA STATUTE, SECTION 796.07 REQUIRING A MANDATORY MINIMUM PERIOD OF INCARCERATION FOR PROSTITUTION OFFENCES INVOLVING VICTIMS OF "HUMAN TRAFFICKING;" AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, human trafficking is an international crisis tantamount to modern slavery in which human beings, including young children are bought, sold, and exploited for profit; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is third in the nation of reported human trafficking cases with more than 5,000 reported victims since 2007 and growing average of more than 600 new cases each year; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 219 and Senate Bill 370 would amend Florida Statute, Section 796.07, Prohibiting Prostitution by including "Human Trafficking" as a form of prostitution; and

WHEREAS, these bills would require a mandatory 30 day minimum term of incarceration for prostitution offenses involving victims of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of the City Commission of the City of Stuart that human trafficking related crimes demand the strictest remand and deterrent that the law may provide.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, THAT:

SECTION 1: The foregoing precatory language is adopted as if set forth below.

SECTION 2: The City Commission of the City of Stuart, Florida authorizes this resolution in support of House Bill 219 and Senate Bill 370 relating to an amendment to Florida Statute, Section 796.07 requiring a mandatory minimum period of incarceration for prostitution offenses involving victims of human trafficking.

SECTION 3: This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

Commissioner _____ offered the foregoing resolution and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
REBECCA S. BRUNER, MAYOR				
EULA R. CLARKE, VICE MAYOR				
KELLI GLASS LEIGHTON, COMMISSIONER				
MERRITT MATHESON, COMMISSIONER				
MIKE MEIER, COMMISSIONER				

ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 2019.

ATTEST:

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MARY R. KINDEL
CITY CLERK

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REBECCA S. BRUNER
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:

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MICHAEL MORTELL
CITY ATTORNEY