

**RESOLUTION 06 - \_\_**

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A COUNCIL OF LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICIALS TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS IN PINELLAS COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR THE NAMING OF THE COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the issue of homeless persons impacts all jurisdictions of Pinellas County, and since it is a quality of life issue concerning county residents; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of homeless persons, the general citizenry, residents and the effected institutions of Pinellas County to work jointly on solutions to homelessness; and

WHEREAS, over the past several months a partnership of public institutions, non-profit entities and the private sector, known as the “Homeless Policy Group”, have examined the problems and potential solutions to address this issue; and

WHEREAS, solving homelessness will require effective services to individuals coupled with policy solutions in the fields of housing, health and social service care, transportation and employment; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statute 163.02 provides that agencies of local government may establish collaborative organizations in which diverse local public agencies share information in order to positively influence the needs and development of local communities; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the public agencies involved in looking at these issues have determined that formalization of the “Homeless Policy Group” will more effectively confront the vicissitudes of attacking this problem on a County wide basis through a Council of local public officials as prescribed in Section 163.02, Florida Statutes (2006); and

WHEREAS, the LEADERSHIP COUNCIL is an organization created pursuant to Florida Statute 163.02 for the purpose of addressing homelessness issues in Pinellas County; and

WHEREAS, the LEADERSHIP COUNCIL seeks to examine issues relating to how homelessness impacts the County; and

WHEREAS, the LEADERSHIP COUNCIL seeks to encourage appropriate consolidation of homeless programs for improved efficiency and effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, the LEADERSHIP COUNCIL desires to develop local solutions to homelessness in Pinellas County; and

WHEREAS, the LEADERSHIP COUNCIL will provide greater options for achieving the goals of the Homeless Policy Group.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS in a meeting duly assembled on this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_, 2006, as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 163.02, Florida Statutes (2006), the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners approves the designation of a representative to a Council of public officials to address the problem of homelessness in the County.

Section 2. The organization created pursuant to this Resolution shall be named the PINELLAS COUNTY HOMELESS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL.

Section 3. The purpose of the LEADERSHIP COUNCIL shall be to continue the work of the “Homeless Policy Group” by coordinating data and providing governmental agencies with information and advice for its mission of improving the homeless situation in Pinellas County.

Section 4. The LEADERSHIP COUNCIL shall consist of the following members:

1. A member of the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, or designee.
2. The Superintendent of the Pinellas County School District, or designee.
3. A representative from the City of Tarpon Springs
4. A representative from the City of St. Petersburg.
5. A representative from the City of Pinellas Park.
6. A representative from the City of Largo.
7. A representative from the City of Clearwater
8. A member of the Juvenile Welfare Board.

Section 5. The LEADERSHIP COUNCIL shall operate in a manner that is consistent with the requirements of Section 163.02, Florida Statutes.

Section 6. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ offered the foregoing resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, and upon roll call the

vote was:

AYES:

NAYS:

Absent and Not Voting: