

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-34

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BELLEAIR, FLORIDA,
CONDEMNING CYBERBULLYING**

WHEREAS, the Town of Belleair has a great sense of community and we acknowledge that many great things are accomplished when we come together as a community in a civil manner to solve problems and move the Town in the right direction; and

WHEREAS, social media can be a great tool for communication and bringing people together, but it can also be a powerful platform for cyberbullies to create divisiveness and spread hatred; and

WHEREAS, cyberbullying is defined as using the internet or other digital communication devices to send or post harmful or cruel text or images to bully others; and

WHEREAS, cyberbullying takes on many forms, including personal attacks, the spreading of lies and of false accusations, and attacks on individuals, groups, or businesses, and can serve as a platform for people to make threats of violence and/or to promote a hostile and divisive atmosphere on social media; and

WHEREAS, cyberbullying causes real emotional damage to its victims; and

WHEREAS, victims of cyberbullying are encouraged to contact the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office to report instances of cyberbullying in order combat this wrongdoing;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF BELLEAIR, FLORIDA CONDEMNS CYBERBULLYING IN ALL OF ITS FORMS AND ENCOURAGES RESIDENTS TO BE AWARE OF IT AND TO NOT PARTICIPATE IN IT.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Commission of the Town of Belleair, Florida, this 21st day of **AUGUST, A.D., 2018.**

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk