



## Legislation Text

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### MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSED RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-R-50.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2021-R-50 IS A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING THE RELIGIOUS AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF DIWALI, THE 'FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS,' WHICH WILL OCCUR ON NOVEMBER 4, 2021, INCLUDING DIWALI'S PREDOMINANT AND SOBERING MESSAGE OF TOLERANCE, COMPASSION AND THE EMBRACE OF VICTORY OF GOOD OVER EVIL WHICH CONTINUES TO RESONATE WITH THE AMERICAN SPIRIT AND FABRIC WHICH APPEARS AS THE PROMINENT THEME OF LIFE FOR HINDUS, SIKHS, JAINS, AND BUDDHISTS, IN AMERICA, AND ALL OVER THE WORLD; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

### SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:

1. On October 6, 2021 Vice Mayor Good, Jr. introduced an item to direct the City Attorney's Office to draft a resolution in support of the Indian Diwali Festival of Lights.
2. Diwali is one of the most celebrated festivals of great significance to Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, and Buddhists.
3. The Hindu American Foundation and over one billion celebrants worldwide reverently observe the festival of Diwali, the "Festival of Lights" symbolizing the victory of dharma, and good over evil.
4. Diwali falls on Thursday, November 4 this year in accordance with the lunar calendar, and brings together families, friends, and communities in the United States and around the globe in goodwill, peace, and a shared sense of renewal.
5. The City of Pembroke Pines recognizes and supports Diwali's predominant and sobering message of tolerance, compassion, and the embrace of victory of good over evil, which continues to resonate with our American spirit and fabric and appears as the prominent theme of life for Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, and Buddhists, in America, and all over the world.
6. This Resolution shall become effective upon its passage and adoption by the City Commission.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT DETAIL:** None.

