

## RESOLUTION 2014-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT AND GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT TO SUPPORT LEGISLATIVE CHANGES PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF RECOVERY RESIDENCES OR “SOBER HOUSES” IN THE FORM OF STATEWIDE LICENSING AND REGISTRATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**WHEREAS**, recovery residences, also known as “sober houses,” are not required to be licensed under state law; and

**WHEREAS**, sober houses impact residential neighborhoods and when unlicensed and unregulated, create safety and welfare hazards for both their residents and surrounding neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Council of the Village of Golf urges the Florida Legislature to adopt and Governor Rick Scott to support regulations and licensing requirements for sober houses in order to:

1. Create a consistent standard of operation to provide uniform and safe operation throughout the state;
2. Provide for accountability for the owners/operators of these homes;
3. Help end abuses that are occurring in some homes;
4. Require background checks for owners/operators of these homes similar to those required for owners/operators of substance abuse treatment providers, assisted living facilities, adult family-care homes and adult day care centers, and community residential homes; and
5. Ensure that certain life safety standards similar to those already in place for the homes and facilities referenced above are followed in order to keep residents safe; and

**WHEREAS**, the licensable service component of “day or night treatment with community housing” is already regulated pursuant to Chapter 397, *Florida Statutes*, and such community housing performs the same function as a sober house; and

**WHEREAS**, uniform regulation of sober houses will provide safety to a disadvantaged group and also protect both the residents and their surrounding communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc., has included the support of legislation establishing minimum standards for sober home facilities as part of its 2014 Legislative Priorities package; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Council determines that the regulation of sober houses would be in the best interests of and protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents, both temporary and permanent.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF GOLF, FLORIDA, THAT:**

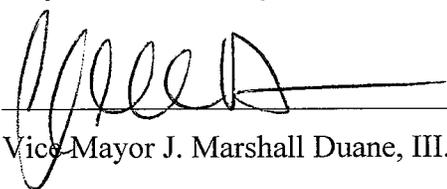
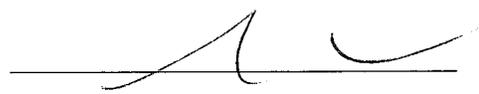
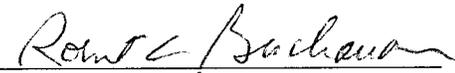
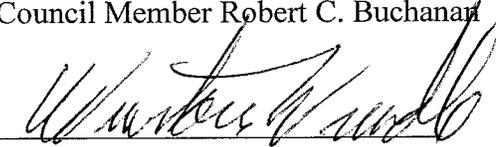
Section 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby ratified and incorporated herein.

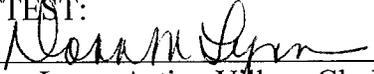
Section 2. The Village Council of the Village of Golf urges the Florida Legislature and the Governor to support the regulation and licensing of recovery residences (sober houses) located throughout the State of Florida.

Section 3. The Village Council directs that a copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Governor, the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation, the Florida League of Cities, and the Palm Beach County League of Cities.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF MARCH, 2014.

<u>✓</u>	_____	VILLAGE OF GOLF
Aye	Nay	
		Mayor Thomas E. Lynch
<u>✓</u>	_____	
Aye	Nay	Vice Mayor J. Marshall Duane, III.
<u>✓</u>	_____	
Aye	Nay	Council Member Michael E. Botos
<u>✓</u>	_____	
Aye	Nay	Council Member Robert C. Buchanan
<u>✓</u>	_____	
Aye	Nay	Council Member Winstone Windle

ATTEST:  
  
Donn Lynn, Acting Village Clerk

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY.  
  
Bradley W. Biggs, Village Attorney