

**CITY OF FLORENCE
RESOLUTION NO. 8, SERIES 2016**

**A Resolution Establishing approval to apply for a U.S. Department of Justice
Community Oriented Policing (COPS) grant in coordination with the Siuslaw
School District, in order to hire a School Resource Officer.**

RECITALS:

1. The U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) provides competitive funding opportunities for local policing agencies to implement community policing practices.
2. The FY 2016 COPS Hiring Program has an overarching emphasis on implementing the recommendations of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing presented in their May 2015 Final Report.
3. The COPS Hiring Program places priority consideration to applicants focusing on "school based policing" in an effort to implement community policing. The addition of a School Resource Officer (SRO) will provide community policing benefits to the Siuslaw School District, the Florence Police Department, and our community as a whole.
4. The Task Force was created to strengthen community policing and trust among law enforcement officers and the communities they serve. The SRO program will address the Pillar 1: Building Trust and Legitimacy and Pillar 4: Community Policing and Crime Reduction of the Task Force's Final Report.
5. The SRO will address the Pillar 1 recommendation and action item of creating opportunities in schools and communities for positive non-enforcement interactions with police. Interactions with students on a day-to-day basis will allow the SRO and other members of the Police Department to build a trusting relationship with students where students feel safe interacting with law enforcement.
6. The SRO will address the many recommendations and action items of Pillar 4 by building collaborative partnerships with the schools and other agencies with an emphasis on youth in our community. The SRO will have the ability to work directly with the School District personnel on addressing the needs of youth in our community most at risk for crime or violence, encouraging positive, consistent, and persistent interaction between youth and law enforcement, being available to students, staff, and community members as a resource, and creating a safe environment for teaching and learning.

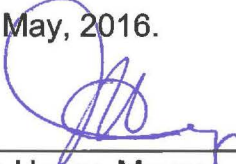
Based on these findings,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Council demonstrates its support for the submittal of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant to hire a School Resource Officer.
2. This Resolution takes effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTION:

This Resolution is passed and adopted on the 16th day of May, 2016.



Joe Henry, Mayor

Attest:



Kelli Weese, City Recorder