

RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, firefighters are often asked to respond to traumatic incidents such as fatal vehicle collisions, deadly fires, shootings and other types of incidents; and

WHEREAS, being regularly exposed to these types of events can have a significant impact on an individual's mental health; and

WHEREAS, recent studies have found that, over recent years, more firefighters have died from suicide than from physical injuries sustained in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, most firefighters are able to bear the psychological trauma of their professions without lasting harm, many suffer from PTSD or other psychological injuries; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to address this, AB 1280 would create a Peer Support and Crisis Referral Services Pilot Program for firefighters to provide confidential support and crisis referral services for firefighters in the State; and

WHEREAS, this pilot program is a good first step in overcoming the stigmas associated with mental health care and provide needed services to firefighters;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2019 - 2020 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 1280 (Grayson), which would establish a Firefighter Peer Support and Crisis Referral Services Pilot Program .

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