

RESOLUTION
NO. 18-47

A RESOLUTION
TO BE ENTITLED:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA IN SUPPORT OF MARSY'S LAW
- A VICTIMS' RIGHTS AMENDMENT TO THE
CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Marsy's Law for Florida and advocacy organizations statewide are dedicated to guaranteeing victims' rights and providing victims and survivors with a voice; and

WHEREAS, Marsy's Law for Florida supporters agree victims, survivors and their families should always be treated with fairness and respect throughout the criminal justice process, protected from the defendant, reasonably heard at public proceedings regarding their case, and given a voice through the process of the case; and

WHEREAS, according to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) "Crime Clock," there was one index crime every 51 seconds and one violent crime every six minutes and nine seconds in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Marsy's Law for Florida will ensure victims receive the same rights afforded to criminals and have rights to notification of release, presence at hearings, the right to speak during criminal proceedings and appropriate restitution; and

WHEREAS, Victim's Rights is a non-partisan, non-political issue, and Marsy's Law is a common sense approach to ensuring Victims' Rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That City Council supports Marsy's Law for Florida as a Victims' Rights Amendment to the Florida Constitution.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall become effective on the fifth business day after adoption, unless otherwise provided pursuant to Section 4.03(d) of the City Charter of the City of Pensacola.

Adopted: _____

Approved: _____
President of City Council

Attest:

City Clerk