

Resolution No. 16-61

**A Resolution of the City Council for the City of Bradenton, Florida,
Supporting State Funding for Boys & Girls Clubs.**

Whereas, every day over 1 million youth in Florida leave school with nowhere to go leaving them unsupervised, unguided and unsafe; and

Whereas, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Manatee County have served our community for 70 years and currently serve over 4,000 youth annually; and

Whereas, the Florida Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs serve more than 137,800 youth in Florida in their after-school programs; and

Whereas, the Clubs has helped strengthen the community by providing a safe, positive, constructive place for youth. In addition to after school programs, the Clubs offer summer enrichment programs for children; and

Whereas, while 24 percent of youth in Florida do not graduate from high school, 95 percent of the teenaged Boys and Girls Clubs members expect to graduate from high school and 75 percent expect to complete post-secondary education; and

Whereas, the Bradenton City Council has determined that there is an important public purpose for appropriating public funds to Florida Boys and Girls Clubs, including but not limited to the provision of educational, recreational, cultural, after school, summer enrichment and social programs for the low and moderate income youth of Bradenton.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BRADENTON CITY COUNCIL OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Bradenton City Council hereby supports the funding requests made by the Florida Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs to the Florida Legislature and request that the Legislature provide funds in the state budget to the Clubs to the fullest extent possible so that more youth can benefit from the Clubs successful and impactful after-school programs.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA this 16th day of November, 2016.

Wayne H. Poston
Mayor

Attest:

Carl Callahan
City Administrator

William Lisch
City Attorney