

2018-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.,
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, FOR ITS
SUPPORT OF GIL ZIFFER AS PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE
OF CITIES.**

WHEREAS, Gil Ziffer, commissioner of Tallahassee, Florida, served as president of the Florida League of Cities from 2017 through 2018; and

WHEREAS, the citizens, mayor, commissioners and staff of Tallahassee were most understanding of the demands placed upon Commissioner Ziffer in his role as president of the League; and

WHEREAS, during his presidency, Commissioner Ziffer focused on reenergizing the League's legislative advocacy efforts with the "Let Cities Work" Initiative to get Florida municipal officials more engaged in communicating with legislators, citizens, business groups and the media on the need to preserve municipal Home Rule and the ability to make decisions locally without unnecessary state interference; and

WHEREAS, the membership and staff of the League recognize the commitment of the City of Tallahassee to Commissioner Ziffer's presidency ensured his active participation in League activities and unselfish service to the League and permitted him to successfully promote the programs, projects and philosophy of the League during the past year; and

WHEREAS, the membership and staff of the League also wish to recognize and personally thank Commission Aide Cathy Branch and all of the dedicated Tallahassee city staff for their efforts in providing outstanding assistance to President Ziffer and the FLC staff in coordinating his duties with the city and with the League; Cathy and all city staff went above and beyond the call of duty, and their outstanding contributions to this effort are applauded and greatly appreciated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.:

Section 1. The Florida League of Cities' membership and staff do officially and personally appreciate the commitment Tallahassee's citizens, commissioners and staff made to Commissioner Ziffer's presidency.

Section 2. A copy of this resolution be presented to the City of Tallahassee.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Florida League of Cities, Inc., in conference assembled at the League's 92nd Annual Conference, at the Diplomat Resort, Hollywood, Florida, this 18th Day of August 2018.

Leo Longworth, First Vice President
Florida League of Cities, Inc.
Mayor, City of Bartow

ATTEST: _____
Michael Sittig, Executive Director
Florida League of Cities, Inc.

Submitted by: FLC Staff

2018-02

**A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.,
RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 22-28, 2018, AS “FLORIDA
CITY GOVERNMENT WEEK” AND ENCOURAGING ALL FLORIDA
CITY OFFICIALS TO SUPPORT THIS CELEBRATION BY
PARTICIPATING IN THE “MY CITY: I’M PART OF IT, I’M PROUD OF
IT!” ACTIVITIES.**

WHEREAS, city government is the government closest to the people and the one with the most direct daily impact upon its residents; and

WHEREAS, municipal government provides services and programs that enhance the quality of life for residents, making their city their home; and

WHEREAS, city government is administered for and by its citizens and is dependent upon public commitment to and understanding of its many responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, city government officials and employees share the responsibility to pass along the understanding of the services provided by cities and their benefits; and

WHEREAS, Florida City Government Week is a very important time to recognize the significant role played by city government in our lives and to spread the word to all Floridians that they can shape and influence this level of government, which is closest to the people; and

WHEREAS, the Florida League of Cities and its member cities have joined together to teach students and other citizens about municipal government through a variety of activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.:

Section 1. The Florida League of Cities, Inc., encourages all city officials, city employees, school officials and citizens to participate in events that recognize and celebrate Florida City Government Week.

Section 2. The Florida League of Cities, Inc., supports and encourages all city governments to promote, sponsor and participate in “My City: I’m Part of It, I’m Proud of It!”

Section 3. A copy of this resolution be provided to Florida Governor Rick Scott, the Florida Cabinet, Florida School Boards Association and the membership of the Florida League of Cities, Inc.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Florida League of Cities, Inc., in conference assembled at the League’s 92nd Annual Conference, at the Diplomat Resort, Hollywood, Florida, this 18th Day of August 2018.

Gil Ziffer, President
Florida League of Cities, Inc.
Commissioner, City of Tallahassee

ATTEST: _____
Michael Sittig, Executive Director
Florida League of Cities, Inc.

Submitted by: FLC Staff

2018-03

**A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.,
RECOGNIZING THE NEW VILLAGE OF INDIANTOWN AND
CONGRATULATING THE NEWEST MUNICIPALITY IN
FLORIDA UPON ITS SUCCESSFUL INCORPORATION IN 2017.**

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Village of Indiantown by referendum voted to incorporate as a city in December 2017 under the provisions of Florida law and held their initial council elections in March 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Indiantown has all municipal powers allowed by the Florida Constitution and Laws of Florida to promptly respond to the needs and conveniences of its citizens and is the government closest to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Article VIII, Florida Constitution (1968) establishes Home Rule for municipalities by granting them “governmental, corporate and proprietary powers ... to conduct municipal government, perform municipal functions and render municipal services ...”; and

WHEREAS, the newly elected council for Indiantown is also congratulated upon their respective elections, and its newest staff appointments are also herein honored for being the inaugural elected and appointed officials to represent the new village; and

WHEREAS, this most recent act furthers the positive elements of self-governance and Home Rule philosophies, and the Florida League of Cities desires to applaud these actions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.:

Section 1. The Florida League of Cities, Inc., proudly acknowledges the municipal incorporation of the Village of Indiantown and welcomes its addition to the League’s municipal family.

Section 2. The citizens of the Village of Indiantown are commended for their desire to create a municipality and to thereby assume the responsibility of self-governance.

Section 3. A copy of this resolution be presented to the Village of Indiantown.

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Gil Ziffer, President
Florida League of Cities, Inc.
Commissioner, City of Tallahassee

ATTEST:

Michael Sittig, Executive Director
Florida League of Cities, Inc.

Submitted by: FLC Staff

2018-04

**A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.,
RECOGNIZING 50 YEARS OF MUNICIPAL HOME RULE IN THE
FLORIDA CONSTITUTION AND ENCOURAGING ALL CITIES, TOWNS
AND VILLAGES TO SHARE IN THE CELEBRATION OF THIS
MOMENTOUS OCCASION.**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Florida voted to amend Article VIII of the Florida Constitution on November 5, 1968, to include authority for municipal Home Rule powers as part of the comprehensive revision of the State Constitution undertaken that year; and

WHEREAS, this power has enabled each city, town and village across the Sunshine State to consider, adopt, revise, or remove its own laws without the need to seek legislative permission from the state, and has further served as the foundation upon which every municipality builds its governmental structure; and

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 2 of the Florida Constitution provides that any municipality may “*conduct municipal government, perform municipal functions and render municipal services, and may exercise any power for municipal purposes except as otherwise provided by law*”; and

WHEREAS, this provision is a reversal of the previous Dillon’s Rule, which was a restrictive limitation on municipal powers, and all Floridians are indebted to the diligence of Ralph Marsicano, municipal attorney and general counsel to the Florida League of Cities, Inc., who served on the 1968 Constitution Revision Commission and who tirelessly educated its members regarding the many benefits that would be secured for local government decision-making and who further assisted the League in educating all Floridians about the need for change; and

WHEREAS, since this amendment was passed there have been attacks upon Home Rule by members of the Florida Legislature, and each of these has rightly resulted in protest by municipal leaders each year, and while several measures have been passed into law to limit or restrict these powers, the soul of Home Rule remains intact despite these assaults; and

WHEREAS, a half century is a momentous anniversary and should be recognized and celebrated so all Floridians and all future generations will understand, appreciate and uphold this Constitutional authority and who, in turn, will be supporters, protectors and defenders of this cherished municipal power.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF
CITIES, INC.:**

Section 1. All municipalities are encouraged to celebrate the milestone 50th anniversary of municipal Home Rule with individual resolutions.

Section 2. All municipalities are further encouraged to create and hold public educational outreach for their respective citizens of all ages with the goal for all Floridians to understand the significance of Home Rule authority.

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Gil Ziffer, President
Florida League of Cities, Inc.
Commissioner, City of Tallahassee

ATTEST:

Michael Sittig, Executive Director
Florida League of Cities, Inc.

Submitted by: FLC Staff

2018-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES INC., OPPOSING AMENDMENT 1, WHICH CREATES AN ADDITIONAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION TO FLORIDA'S CONSTITUTION AND, IF ADOPTED, WOULD CREATE ADDITIONAL INEQUITIES IN FLORIDA'S TAX SYSTEM BY GRANTING CERTAIN TAX BREAKS TO SOME TAXPAYERS AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHER TAXPAYERS.

WHEREAS, a proposed constitutional amendment sponsored by the Florida Legislature will be placed on the 2018 general election ballot as Amendment 1; and

WHEREAS, this proposed constitutional change exempts the assessed valuation of homestead property greater than \$100,000 and up to \$125,000 for all levies other than school district levies; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 1 is expected to cost \$644.7 million per year, resulting in service reductions or tax hikes; and

WHEREAS, local communities may be forced to increase their property tax rates to offset revenue reductions; and

WHEREAS, changing local property taxes should be done locally, not through a constitutional amendment; and

WHEREAS, instead of fixing Florida's complicated tax system, Amendment 1 makes it more complicated and less fair; and

WHEREAS, Florida's tax system should work for all homeowners, not just a few; and

WHEREAS, most of Amendment 1's benefits go to only a handful of homeowners; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 1 exposes local businesses to a much higher tax burden; and

WHEREAS, this one-size-fits-all scheme is made to look like a tax cut, but it is really a tax shift that will further disenchant millions of already-skeptical Florida voters.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.:

Section 1. The Florida League of Cities, Inc. urges Floridians to be aware that Amendment 1 is not a true tax cut.

Section 2. The Florida League of Cities, Inc. urges Florida's residents to VOTE NO on Amendment 1 on the 2018 General Election ballot.

Section 3. That a copy of this resolution be provided to the membership of the Florida League of Cities, Inc. and other interested parties.

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Florida League of Cities, Inc.
Commissioner, City of Tallahassee

ATTEST:

Michael Sittig, Executive Director
Florida League of Cities, Inc.

Submitted by: FLC Staff

2018-06

**A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC., URGING
CONGRESS TO MAINTAIN FUNDING FOR THE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program was enacted and signed into law by President Gerald Ford as the centerpiece of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG program has as its primary objective “the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income”; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG program has considerable flexibility to allow municipalities to carry out activities that are tailored to their unique affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization needs; and

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National Association of Counties, and state and local government-sector associations are unanimous in their support of the CDBG and the need to keep this program intact; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the CDBG is most commonly used to support activities that improve the quality of life in communities; to promote energy conservation and renewable energy resources; for construction of and improvements to public infrastructure such as streets, sidewalks, and water and sewer facilities; and for small business assistance to spur economic development and job creation/retention; and

WHEREAS, this year Congress increased funding for CDBG for the first time since 2010 from \$3 billion to \$3.3 billion; and

WHEREAS, nationally, for every dollar of CDBG funding invested in a project, another \$4.05 is leveraged from other sources; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG program has created or retained more than 421,000 jobs for low- and moderate-income persons through a variety of economic development activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.:

Section 1. The Florida League of Cities, Inc., appreciates Congress increasing funding for CDBG and urges Congress to continue providing at least \$3.3 billion in formula funding for CDBG.

Section 2. A copy of this resolution be sent to the Florida Congressional Delegation, the National League of Cities, the secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the membership of the Florida League of Cities, Inc.

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption and shall remain in effect until repealed and hereby repeals all conflicting resolutions.

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Florida League of Cities, Inc.
Commissioner, City of Tallahassee

ATTEST:

Michael Sittig, Executive Director
Florida League of Cities, Inc.

Submitted by: FLC Staff

**A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC., URGING
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO CLARIFY THE DE-OBLIGATION
PROCESS OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS.**

WHEREAS, the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act) establishes the statutory authority for most federal disaster response activities, especially as they pertain to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and its programs; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Stafford Act is to provide continued and orderly assistance from the federal government to state and local governments to relieve hardship and assist in disaster recovery; and

WHEREAS, the Stafford Act authorizes FEMA to obligate funds to states and local governments to help recover from natural disasters that cause widespread damage to homes, businesses and critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the ability of state and local governments to recover successfully from natural disaster events is due in large part to their partnership with FEMA and the financial assistance that it provides under the Stafford Act; and

WHEREAS, it is through this partnership that local governments seek FEMA's approval of recovery projects that include authorized costs to be reimbursed by FEMA once the projects are completed; and

WHEREAS, FEMA has sought to retroactively de-obligate previously approved recovery funds from local governments, despite the passage of many years since the recovery funding was originally approved and despite the local governments' expenditure of such funds in accordance with the grant's requirements; and

WHEREAS, FEMA's retroactive de-obligation of previously approved recovery funds weakens the intent of the Stafford Act; and

WHEREAS, local governments do not have the resources or expertise to fully respond to the voluminous FEMA requests for information and documentation relating to their post-disaster recovery expenses and efforts; and

WHEREAS, Congress enacted Section 705(c) of the Stafford Act, titled Binding Nature of Grant Requirements, to protect recipients of disaster assistance from these retroactive de-obligations; and

WHEREAS, legislation has passed the U.S. House of Representatives that would amend the Stafford Act to change the three-year statute of limitations by which FEMA can recover payments to begin once the Project Worksheet is transmitted, rather upon completion of the final expenditure report for the entire disaster; and

WHEREAS, Senator Bill Nelson (D-FL) and Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) have also introduced legislation to amend the statute of limitations in the Stafford Act; and

WHEREAS, this provision would provide more fiscal certainty to local governments that receive FEMA disaster assistance funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.:

Section 1. The Florida League of Cities, Inc., urges the federal government to clarify the process whereby FEMA can declare previously approved funds distributed to local governments for disaster relief efforts are de-obligated so as to ensure the de-obligation process:

1. complies with Section 705(c) of the Stafford Act;
2. includes a reasonable time frame for municipalities to respond to information requests; and
3. requires FEMA to make timely decisions on appeals filed by municipalities that face the potential rescission of previously appropriated federal funds.

Section 2. The Florida League of Cities, Inc., expresses appreciation to Representative Lois Frankel (D-21), Senator Bill Nelson, Senator Marco Rubio, Representative Mario Diaz-Balart (R-25) and other members of Florida's Congressional Delegation for their efforts to improve the FEMA disaster recovery funding de-obligation process.

Section 3. The Florida League of Cities, Inc., urges the U.S. Senate to pass legislation to improve the FEMA Public Assistance Grant Program.

Section 4. A copy of this resolution be sent to President Donald Trump, the Florida Congressional Delegation, the National League of Cities and the membership of the Florida League of Cities, Inc.

Section 5. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption and shall remain in effect until repealed and hereby repeals all conflicting resolutions.

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Florida League of Cities, Inc.
Commissioner, City of Tallahassee

ATTEST:

Michael Sittig, Executive Director
Florida League of Cities, Inc.

Submitted by: FLC Staff

2018-08

**A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC., URGING
CONGRESS TO REAUTHORIZE THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE
PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, floods are the most common and most destructive natural disaster in the United States and Florida; and

WHEREAS, the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 created the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in response to the lack of available private flood insurance and continued increases in federal disaster assistance due to floods; and

WHEREAS, the NFIP allows property owners in participating communities to buy insurance to protect against flood losses; and

WHEREAS, flooding is a serious risk in Florida due to the state's geography and proximity to water, both inland and coastal; and

WHEREAS, this issue is a critical concern for our state, as Florida has more than 1.7 million active NFIP policies and \$435.7 billion in coverage; and

WHEREAS, Florida has the largest number of participants in the NFIP and pays four times more into the program than it receives in claim payments; and

WHEREAS, the NFIP is set to expire on July 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, as a government program, the NFIP should treat its customers equitably and should adhere to insurance principals that rates must not be excessive, inadequate or unfairly discriminatory; and

WHEREAS, properties should be rated based on their ability to withstand risk, not their use or ownership structure; and

WHEREAS, necessary increases in premiums should be implemented with regard to customers' ability to absorb those increases; and

WHEREAS, Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL), Senator Bill Nelson (D-FL) and other Senators have been working on bi-partisan legislation which would reauthorize the NFIP program for six years; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF
CITIES, INC.:**

Section 1. The Florida League of Cities, Inc., urges Congress to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program, and improve accuracy in flood mapping, transparency and broader-based solutions for funding.

Section 2. A copy of this resolution be sent to President Donald Trump, the Florida Congressional Delegation, the National League of Cities and the membership of the Florida League of Cities, Inc.

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption and shall remain in effect until repealed and hereby repeals all conflicting resolutions.

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Florida League of Cities, Inc.
Commissioner, City of Tallahassee

ATTEST:

Michael Sittig, Executive Director
Florida League of Cities, Inc.

Submitted by: FLC Staff

2018-09

**A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.,
SUPPORTING THE FLOOD MAPPING MODERNIZATION AND
HOMEOWNER EMPOWERMENT PILOT PROGRAM ACT OF 2018.**

WHEREAS, flooding is a serious risk in Florida due to the state's geography and proximity to water, both inland and coastal; and

WHEREAS, as Florida experiences more frequent rain and hurricanes, many municipalities have seen a rise in flood activity; and

WHEREAS, Florida has the largest number of participants in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and pays four times more into the program than it receives in claim payments; and

WHEREAS, NFIP flood maps are generally outdated and do not accurately measure a community's flood risk; and

WHEREAS, many urban areas that experience reoccurring flooding are often outside of regulatory floodplains and subsequently not covered by the NFIP; and

WHEREAS, to better protect home and business owners from facing clean-up and maintenance costs, a stronger effort to learn about flood mapping potential in these areas is necessary to implement effective preventive solutions in the long term; and

WHEREAS, Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) and Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) introduced S. 2701, and Representative Mike Quigley (D-IL-5) introduced H.R. 5569 titled the Flood Mapping Modernization and Homeowner Empowerment Pilot Program Act of 2018; and

WHEREAS, S. 2701 and H.R. 5569 would provide \$5.5 million for demonstration grants to help many cities improve their mapping technologies and turn over better flood mapping data to Congress and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and

WHEREAS, this legislation will allow cities to develop better methods for mapping, understanding and mitigating urban flooding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.:

Section 1. The Florida League of Cities, Inc., urges Congress to pass S. 2701 and H.R. 5569 which would help cities apply for federal grants to improve their flood mapping technology.

Section 2. A copy of this resolution be sent to President Donald Trump, the Florida Congressional Delegation, the National League of Cities and the membership of the Florida League of Cities, Inc.

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption and shall remain in effect until repealed and hereby repeals all conflicting resolutions.

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Gil Ziffer, President
Florida League of Cities, Inc.
Commissioner, City of Tallahassee

ATTEST:

Michael Sittig, Executive Director
Florida League of Cities, Inc.

Submitted by: FLC Staff

2018-10

**A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC. URGING
CONGRESS TO PASS THE COASTAL COMMUNITIES ADAPTATION
ACT.**

WHEREAS, Florida is vulnerable to frequent and recurring flooding from tidal events and stormwater; and

WHEREAS, these events are increasing in frequency and threaten municipal infrastructure, public safety and the state's tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, in coastal and nearshore areas, seasonal high tides regularly flood downtown areas, sewer systems and canals, and have accelerated saltwater intrusion into drinking water supplies; and

WHEREAS, communities throughout Florida are vulnerable to stormwater flooding caused by extreme weather events; and

WHEREAS, strategies and tools to adapt to and mitigate the potential impacts of these increasing natural hazards will require coordination among all levels of state and local government; and

WHEREAS, Senator Bill Nelson (D-FL) introduced S. 2783, titled the Coastal Communities Adaptation Act; and

WHEREAS, this legislation would create a revolving loan program through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to assist cities that need to upgrade their infrastructure to address climate change-related events, such as tidal flooding, beach erosion and saltwater intrusion caused by sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, Florida's cities will need the assistance of their federal and state partners to provide the infrastructure necessary to protect citizens and property from increasing coastal risks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.:

Section 1. The Florida League of Cities, Inc., urges Congress to pass the Coastal Communities Adaptation Act.

Section 2. A copy of this resolution be sent to President Donald Trump, the Florida Congressional Delegation, the National League of Cities and the membership of the Florida League of Cities, Inc.

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption and shall remain in effect until repealed and hereby repeals all conflicting resolutions.

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Commissioner, City of Tallahassee

ATTEST: _____
Michael Sittig, Executive Director
Florida League of Cities, Inc.

Submitted by: FLC Staff

**A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC., URGING
CONGRESS TO PASS THE WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT
OF 2018.**

WHEREAS, the Water Resources Development Act of 2018 (WRDA) is a bipartisan bill that authorizes numerous water resources projects and policies for navigation, flood control, recreation, water supply and emergency management; and

WHEREAS, WRDA addresses Florida municipal interests related to ports, inland waterways, vegetation, wetlands, watersheds, coastal restoration, safe drinking water and clean water infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, WRDA authorizes funding and grants for flood protection, water infrastructure, wastewater, drinking water and stormwater projects that will benefit municipalities throughout Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Everglades, Lake Okeechobee, the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee River estuaries, and the Indian River lagoon are imperiled ecosystems and waters of the state; and

WHEREAS, the health of these ecosystems is critical to the economy, public safety and quality of life of the entire state; and

WHEREAS, WRDA will strengthen the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan and Comprehensive Everglades Planning Project to restore the long-term health and ecological and economic productivity of these ecosystems of statewide importance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.:

Section 1. The Florida League of Cities, Inc., urges Congress to pass the Water Resources Development Act of 2018.

Section 2. A copy of this resolution be sent to President Donald Trump, the Florida Congressional Delegation, the National League of Cities and the membership of the Florida League of Cities, Inc.

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ATTEST: _____
Michael Sittig, Executive Director
Florida League of Cities, Inc.

Submitted by: FLC Staff

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC. URGING THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION TO UPDATE REGULATIONS ADDRESSING RADIO FREQUENCY EMISSIONS OF WIRELESS FACILITIES AND, IN PARTICULAR, SMALL WIRELESS FACILITIES LOCATED IN PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY.

WHEREAS, increased usage of wireless communications services has resulted in greater deployment of wireless communications facilities in Florida; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, Florida adopted the Advanced Wireless Infrastructure Deployment Act, which addresses municipal and county regulations for new wireless communications technology known as small wireless facilities to be placed in public rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, Congress and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) are considering legislation and regulations, respectively, addressing the deployment of small wireless communications infrastructure in public rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, Section 332(c)(7) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, provides in pertinent part that “[n]o State or local government or instrumentality thereof may regulate the placement, construction, and modification of personal wireless service facilities on the basis of the environmental effects of radiofrequency emissions to the extent that such facilities comply with the Commission’s regulations concerning such emissions”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this federal statute, states and local governments throughout the United States are preempted from taking into consideration the health effects of radio frequency emissions (rf) when regulating the placement of wireless facilities or small wireless facilities with their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Florida residents have expressed significant concerns with the health effects of rf emissions associated with wireless facilities, particularly small wireless facilities placed in public rights-of-way often in very close proximity to residents’ homes, places of work and where they recreate; and

WHEREAS, cities and counties employ methods to avoid providing certain environmental related services near residents with particular sensitivities; and

WHEREAS, the FCC is required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, among other things, to evaluate the effect of emissions from FCC-regulated transmitters on the quality of the human environment; and

WHEREAS, the FCC adopted a proceeding in 2013 to reassess rf exposure limits; and

WHEREAS, numerous states, local governments and Indian tribes have urged the FCC to revisit and to update FCC standards for rf emissions, with input and support from other federal agencies, including the Environmental Protection Agency and the Food and Drug Administration; and

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities (NLC), National Association of Counties (NACo), National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA) and the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM), on behalf of their respective constituencies, jointly submitted a letter to the FCC Commissioners urging that the FCC take action to perform a comprehensive review of rf emission standards, particularly with respect to small wireless technologies; and

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2018, the National League of Cities met with FCC commissioners regarding small wireless deployment and again called on the FCC to update its rf exposure data to allow local officials to “respond to residents’ concerns about the safety of this infrastructure, which is often much closer to pedestrians and residents than traditional wireless infrastructure.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.:

Section 1. The Florida League of Cities urges the FCC to take action as diligently as possible to update prior standards and to perform a comprehensive review of the standards for rf emissions, particularly in light of the deployment of small wireless technologies in public rights-of-way in close proximity to residents’ homes, schools, workplaces, and places of recreation.

Section 2. A copy of this resolution be sent to President Donald Trump, Senators Bill Nelson and Marco Rubio and the Florida Congressional Delegation, the National League of Cities and the membership of the Florida League of Cities, Inc.

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption and shall remain in effect until repealed and hereby repeals all conflicting resolutions.

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Commissioner, City of Tallahassee

ATTEST: _____
Michael Sittig, Executive Director
Florida League of Cities, Inc.

Submitted by: City of Wilton Manors