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Florida League of Cities Applauds Gov. DeSantis For Signing SB 518, Protecting Florida's Trees

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The **Florida League of Cities (FLC)**, celebrating its 100th anniversary as the united voice for Florida's municipal governments, today celebrated the passage of SB 518 (Private Property Rights to Prune, Trim and Remove Trees) and applauded Governor Ron DeSantis for signing the bill. SB 518, which was one of the League's legislative priorities this session, amends current law provisions that prohibit local governments from requiring permits for the removal of "dangerous" trees on residential property.

The League issued the following statement on the signing of SB 518:

"This is a victory for Florida's natural resources, habitats and communities. Thank you to Governor Ron DeSantis for signing SB 518 and thank you to Senator Jason Brodeur and Representative Stan McClain for sponsoring tree protection bills in the Senate and House this session. This bill will finally close loopholes, provide much-needed clarity, and create standards in current law exemptions from municipal tree ordinances that have created conflict and that have caused litigation and abuses, including the clear-cutting of land pre-development and the removal of healthy trees."

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