

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC., URGING THE APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS TO THE 2017-18 CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION AND URGING THE COMMISSION TO PROTECT MUNICIPAL HOME RULE AUTHORITY AND RESTRICT UNFUNDED STATE MANDATES.

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Article XI of the Florida Constitution establishes and describes the duties, powers, structure and function of the Constitution Revision Commission (CRC); and

WHEREAS, the CRC meets every 20 years, is next scheduled to meet in 2017 for only the third time in the state's history, and will review and recommend changes to Florida's constitution that may appear on the 2018 general election ballot for the consideration of Florida's voters; and

WHEREAS, the CRC is comprised of 37 members: the attorney general of Florida, fifteen members appointed by the governor, nine members appointed by the speaker of the House, nine members appointed by the Senate president, and three members appointed by the chief justice of the Florida Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, the Florida League of Cities, Inc., was created in 1922 to work for the general improvement of its members, Florida's municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, the Florida League of Cities, Inc., believes local self-government is the keystone to American democracy and constitutional municipal home rule authority should be protected and expanded; and

WHEREAS, municipalities are the only optional form of government, created primarily to serve the needs and desires of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, municipalities are the governments closest to the people and are governed by citizens who have distinguished themselves as public servants; and

WHEREAS, the more than 2,000 municipal elected officials, representing over 400 cities that comprise the Florida League of Cities, recognize the CRC will weigh in on a variety of proposals that potentially affect municipal home rule authority and the ability of city officials to respond to the needs and conveniences of their citizens; and

WHEREAS, the FLC finds it is necessary to have municipal representation on the CRC to ensure that local perspectives and concerns are adequately voiced before the CRC.

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

Section 1. That the Florida League of Cities, Inc., respectfully request Governor Rick Scott, Florida House Speaker-Designate Richard Corcoran and Florida Senate President Designate Joe Negron appoint municipal elected officials to serve on the 2017-18 Constitution Revision Commission.

Section 2. That the Florida League of Cities, Inc., urges the CRC to adopt proposals that protect municipal home rule authority and restrict unfunded state mandates.

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

Section 4. That a copy of this resolution be provided to Governor Rick Scott, House Speaker-Designate Richard Corcoran, Senate President-Designate Joe Negron, the chair of the CRC, once designated, 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 90th Annual Conference, at the Diplomat Resort, Hollywood, Florida, this 20th Day of August 2016.

ATTEST


Michael Sittig, Executive Director
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