



# City of North Port

## RESOLUTION 2016-R-35

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, URGING THE APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS TO THE 2017-18 CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION; SUPPORTING THE PROTECTION OF MUNICIPAL HOME RULE; SUPPORTING THE POSITIONS OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.; SUPPORTING THE APPOINTMENT OF FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES PRESIDENT, BOCA RATON MAYOR SUSAN HAYNIE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**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 and is next scheduled to meet in 2017 for 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 City of North Port is a member of the Florida League of Cities, Inc.; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the FLC 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 the 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 FLC, 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of North Port Commission supports the positions of the FLC relating to municipal representation on the CRC.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA:**

SECTION 1. The City of North Port Commission respectfully requests that 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 (CRC).

SECTION 2. The City of North Port Commission supports the appointment of Florida League of Cities President, Boca Raton Mayor Susan Haynie, as a member of the 2017-18 CRC.

SECTION 3. The City of North Port Commission urges the CRC to adopt proposals that protect municipal home rule authority and restrict unfunded state mandates.

SECTION 4. A copy of this Resolution shall be provided to Governor Rick Scott, Florida House Speaker-Designate Richard Corcoran, and Florida Senate President-Designate Joe Negron, and the Chair of the CRC (once designated).

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

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LINDA M. YATES  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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PATSY C. ADKINS, MMC

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

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