



City of North Port

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-R-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, HONORING FIFTY YEARS OF MUNICIPAL HOME RULE IN THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida's voters placed Municipal Home Rule powers into the Florida Constitution on November 5, 1968, during the regular elections as an amendment to Article VIII; 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, the political climate within the Florida Legislature has recently included many attacks on these powers; and

WHEREAS, grassroots measures calling such actions wrong and declaring that local decisions be made at the local level by local officials must continue so that all legislators clearly understand Florida's Home Rule as a constitutional power and one upheld in state statutes; and

WHEREAS, a 50th anniversary is a fitting time for all municipalities to engage their respective citizens to educate them about the Florida Constitution and local laws, so that all Floridians may continue to receive the many benefits of Home Rule.

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

SECTION 1 – INCORPORATION OF RECITALS

1.01 The above recitals are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2 – RESOLUTION

- 2.01 This anniversary presents a tremendous opportunity to educate all citizens about Florida's Constitution, municipal government, and Home Rule authority.
- 2.02 The City of North Port will actively challenge all efforts to reduce or erode this right and further employ all efforts to ensure state and federal government partners understand that a one-size-fits-all approach to governance is not in the interests of Florida citizens.
- 2.03 The tradition of local decision-making in Florida is essential to protect, as it provides each municipality the ability to preserve and enhance the myriad characteristics that make each one uniquely special and that maintains its quality of life.
- 2.04 The City of North Port will provide support for Home Rule and for public discussion on the issue.

SECTION 3 – EFFECTIVE DATE

- 3.01 This Resolution shall take effect immediately after adoption by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida.

PASSED and DULY ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida on July 24, 2018.

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

VANESSA CARUSONE
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

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