

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, URGING ALL MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO OPPOSE HB17 AND SB1158, WHICH WOULD PREEMPT LOCAL BUSINESS REGULATIONS AND PROHIBIT LOCAL GOVERNMENT FROM IMPOSING OR ADOPTING ANY NEW REGULATIONS ON BUSINESSES UNLESS EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZED BY THE LEGISLATURE; AND DIRECTING CITY ADMINISTRATION TO TRANSMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES, THE BROWARD COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.

WHEREAS, Cities are voluntarily created and chartered by their citizens as the embodiment of local self-determination; and

WHEREAS, In 1968, Florida voters amended the state constitution to confer broad "Home Rule" powers to municipal government, under Article VIII, Section 2(b); and

WHEREAS, municipalities have the power to act for any valid municipal purpose except as prohibited by law; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 17 and Senate Bill 1158 would prohibit local government from imposing or adopting any new regulations on businesses unless expressly authorized by the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, a municipality's ability to timely act on local problems and opportunities will be limited by HB 17 and SB 1158 to the state Legislature, which holds session only once a year, and whose ability to address local problems will be contingent on the relative effectiveness of its representative in the state Legislature; and

WHEREAS, HB 17 and SB 1158 contradict the will of the people of Florida, who expressed an unequivocal desire for broad Home Rule powers in their state constitution; and

WHEREAS, HB 17 and SB 1158 undercut the intent of municipal citizens, who voted to incorporate their communities and exercise the broad Home Rule powers granted by the Florida Constitution to govern themselves and, thereby, effectively address the unique concerns of their communities; and

WHEREAS, HB 17 and SB 1158 could impair municipal charter provisions specifically adopted and approved by local voters to define their preferred form of self-government and safeguard issues of perennial importance to their communities; and

WHEREAS, state legislators may find themselves spending increasing amounts of time arbitrating over local problems and legislating on local issues, and less time attending to pressing statewide needs; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission believes the opposition of HB 17 and SB 1158 would be in the best interests of the residents and businesses of the City of Hollywood and the State of Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That it urges all members of the Florida Legislature to oppose the adoption of HB17 and SB 1158.

Section 2: That the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit this Resolution to the Broward Legislative Delegation, the Florida League of Cities, the Broward League of Cities, and the Broward County Board of County Commissioners.

Section 3: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2017.

JOSH LEVY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PATRICIA A. CERNY, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
for the use and reliance of the
City of Hollywood, Florida, only.

JEFFREY P. SHEFFEL, CITY ATTORNEY