

RESOLUTION 2018-8

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA, HONORING FIFTY YEARS OF MUNICIPAL HOME RULE IN THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION AND ENDORSING AN EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE TO HELP FLORIDIANS UNDERSTAND THIS BENEFICIAL RIGHT.

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 Board of Aldermen of the Town of St. Lucie Village, Florida as follows:

1. That this anniversary presents a tremendous opportunity to educate all citizens about Florida's Constitution, municipal government and Home Rule authority, and that the Board of Aldermen of the Town of

St. Lucie Village endorses the efforts of the Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities to provide such public information.

2. That the Town of St. Lucie Village opposes efforts to reduce or erode this cherished right and will advise its state and federal legislations that these one-size-fits-all approach to governance is not in the interests of Florida citizens.

3. That it is essential to protect the tradition of local decision-making in Florida, as it provides each municipality the ability to preserve and enhance the myriad characteristics that make each one uniquely special and that maintain its quality of life.

4. That the Town of St. Lucie Village will, through its website, advise the citizenry of the importance of this issue and advise that more information can be obtained via the link to the Treasure Coast Regional League of Cities on the website.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of St. Lucie Village on this 20th day of August, 2018.

APPROVED:
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF
ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA

By: William G. Thiess
William G. Thiess, Mayor

ATTESTED:

By: Diane C. Orme
Diane C. Orme, Clerk

I, DIANE C. ORME, Clerk of the TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of Resolution **2018-8** which was duly introduced, read and adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA, held this 20th day of August, 2018.

Diane C. Orme
DIANE C. ORME, CLERK