

RESOLUTION 2017-343

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARKER, FLORIDA, URGING ALL MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO OPPOSE HB 17 AND SB 1158 WHICH PREEMPT LOCAL BUSINESS REGULATION AND PROHIBIT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM IMPOSING OR ADOPTING NEW BUSINESS REGULATIONS; DIRECTING A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE SENT TO THE BAY COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, THE BAY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, THE BILL SPONSORS, AND THE ENTIRE LEGISLATURE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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, a municipality's ability to timely act on local problems and opportunities will be limited by HB 17 and SB 1158 to a state Legislature that 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 contradicts 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 Council believes the opposition of HB 17 and SB 1158 would be in the best interests of the residents and businesses of the City of Parker and the State of Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARKER, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. The City Council of the City of Parker urges all members of the Florida Legislature to oppose the adoption of HB 17 and SB 1158 and any other measures that restrict home rule authority.

Section 3. All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith, be and the same are repealed to the extent

of such conflict.

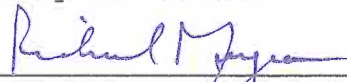
Section 4. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of contempt jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

Section 5. Transmittal of Resolution: Upon adoption, this Resolution will be forwarded to the Bay County League of Cities, Northwest Florida League of Cities, the Florida League of Cities, the Bay County Legislative Delegation, and the entire Legislature.


Section 6. Effective Date: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Parker, Florida on this 4th day of April, 2017.


City of Parker


RICHARD MUSGRAVE, MAYOR

ATTEST:


NANCY A. HOWELL, CITY CLERK

Examined and approved by me, this 4th day of April, 2017.


RICHARD MUSGRAVE, MAYOR