

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-002**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, IN STAUNCH OPPOSITION TO THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES LATEST ATTEMPT TO DE-ANNEX A PORTION OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES; REQUESTING THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE SENT TO THE ENTIRE BROWARD DELEGATION, THE GOVERNOR, AND TO SENATE AND HOUSE LEADERSHIP; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, since 1997 the City of Pembroke Pines has continuously attempted to annex portions the Town of Southwest Ranches; and

**WHEREAS**, in its latest attempt, the City of Pembroke Pines has submitted an annexation bill to deannex approximately 40 acres in the Town that the City purchased to resolve an inverse condemnation action filed by the then property owners against the City for blocking access to their property; and

**WHEREAS**, akin to prior attempts, the Town believes that the City of Pembroke Pines will next attempt to use this legislation as vehicle to annex other lands within the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, as recently as its November 14, 2016 City Commission Meeting, the City of Pembroke Pines City Attorney specifically mentioned the City's plan to buy up the entire Town; and

**WHEREAS**, after the City of Pembroke Pines' 1997 failed attempt to annex the Town, the Broward Delegation set a formal policy that no annexations/de-annexations shall occur without the approval of both governmental agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, in consideration of this policy, the Town of Southwest Ranches would like to make it adamantly clear that it is in staunch opposition to any efforts by the City of Pembroke Pines to de-annex any portion of the Town of Southwest Ranches;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida:

**Section 1:** The above referenced recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

**Section 2:** The Town Council hereby opposes any and all efforts by the City of Pembroke Pines, or otherwise, to de-annex any lands within the Town of Southwest Ranches.

**Section 3:** The Town Clerk is hereby directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to the entire Broward Delegation, the Governor, and to Senate and House Leadership.

**Section 4: Severability.** If any clause, section, or other part or application of this Resolution is held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part or application, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Resolution.

**Section 5:** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest

Ranches, Florida, this 12th day of October, 2017, on a motion by

Tom Breitkreuz and seconded by Tom Jablonski.

McKay	<u>Ayes</u>
Breitkreuz	<u>Ayes</u>
Fisikelli	<u>Ayes</u>
Jablonski	<u>Ayes</u>
Schroeder	<u>Absent</u>

Ayes	<u>4</u>
Nays	<u>0</u>
Absent	<u>1</u>

Doug McKay  
Doug McKay, Mayor

ATTEST:

Russell Muñiz  
Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:

Keith Poliakoff  
Keith Poliakoff, J.D., Town Attorney