

RESOLUTION NO. 2018 - 059

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, HONORING FIFTY YEARS OF MUNICIPAL HOME RULE IN THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION AND COMMITTING TO AN EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE TO HELP FLORIDIANS UNDERSTAND THIS BENEFICIAL RIGHT; AND PROVIDING FOR 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 TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That this anniversary presents a tremendous opportunity to educate all citizens about Florida's Constitution, municipal government and Home Rule authority, and that all necessary resources shall be provided for such public information.

Section 2. That the Town of Southwest Ranches will actively challenge all efforts to reduce or erode this cherished 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 best interests of Florida citizens.

Section 3. That 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.

Section 4. That the Town of Southwest Ranches will include this information on its website, as a regular agenda item for public discussion and within the Town of Southwest Ranches services in as many outreach venues as possible.

Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches,

this 26th day of July 2018, on a motion by C/m Breithaupt, seconded by

C/m Jablonski.

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| McKay | <u>Ayes</u> | Ayes | <u>5</u> |
| Fisikelli | <u>Ayes</u> | Nays | <u>0</u> |
| Breitkreuz | <u>Ayes</u> | Absent | <u>0</u> |
| Jablonski | <u>Ayes</u> | Abstaining | <u>0</u> |
| Schroeder | <u>Ayes</u> | | |

Doug McKay
Doug McKay, Mayor

ATTEST:

Russell Muñiz
Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Approved as to legal Form and Correctness

Keith M. Poliakoff
Keith M. Poliakoff, Esq., Town Attorney