

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-165

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK, 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 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.

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

Section 1: That the foregoing “WHEREAS” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2: 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 3: 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 4: That the City of Coconut Creek 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 interests of Florida citizens.

Section 5: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this 9th day of August, 2018.

Joshua Rydell, Mayor

Attest:

Leslie Wallace May, City Clerk

Rydell	<u>Aye</u>
Welch	<u>Aye</u>
Tooley	<u>Aye</u>
Sarbone	<u>Absent</u>
Belvedere	<u>Aye</u>