

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-312**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA, URGING ALL MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO OPPOSE HOUSE BILL 7003, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE MUNICIPAL ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CANDIDATES FOR ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICE TO FILE AN ANNUAL FORM 6; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT, THE FLORIDA SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE FLORIDA PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES, THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, AND THE BROWARD COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, currently, municipal elected officials and candidates for elected municipal office are required to file a Statement of Financial Interest, commonly referred to as "Form 1;" and

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 7003 (HB 7003) would require municipal elected officials and candidates for elected municipal office to file a more detailed financial disclosure form, commonly referred to as "Form 6;" and

**WHEREAS**, requiring municipal elected officials and candidates for elected municipal office to file "Form 6" will likely have a chilling effect, as it is likely to deter many qualified candidates from running for elected municipal office as the full disclosure of financial interests required by "Form 6" will likely require candidates for elected municipal office to hire an accountant, which can be burdensome, especially for smaller cities where most elected officials serve with little or no pay; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission believes the opposition of HB 7003 would be in the best interests of the residents and businesses of the City of Coconut Creek and the State of Florida.

**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 City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek urges all members of the Florida Legislature to oppose the adoption of HB 7003.

**Section 3:** That the City Commission hereby directs the City Clerk to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to Governor Rick Scott, the Florida Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Florida President of the Senate, the Broward League of Cities, the Florida League of Cities, and the Broward County Legislative Delegation.

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

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

**Adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.**

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Rebecca A. Tooley, Mayor

Attest:

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Leslie Wallace May, City Clerk

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