Agenda Item #: 3A-1

### PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### **AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: March 13, 2018 [X] Consent [] Regular [] Ordinance [] Public Hearing						
Department:						
Submitted By: County Administration						
I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF						
<b>Motion and Title:</b> Staff recommends motion to receive and file: A Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Greenacres, Florida, opposing legislative efforts to impede the constitutional right of Florida's citizens to govern themselves under municipal Home Rule powers.						
Summary: The City Council of the City of Greenacres adopted a Resolution (R2018-02) which opposes any legislative efforts to impede on the right of Florida's citizens to govern themselves under municipal Home Rule powers, as well as the legislature's ntrusion into local finances and local business. For nearly 50 years, Floridian's have possessed the constitutional right of local self-government through its municipalities. Municipal Home Rule powers include all governmental, corporate and proprietary powers necessary to conduct municipal government, perform municipal functions and render municipal services for the unique benefit of the people who live and work within a municipality. Countywide (DW)						
Background and Justification (or Policy Issues): The actions of the Florida Legislature are increasingly taking power away from Florida citizens to ensure their chosen municipal government provides their desired level of services, quality of life and otherwise meets their needs in a timely and effective manner. Municipalities have authorization by the Florida Constitution and by general law to levy ad valorem and other local taxations. Elected officials of a municipality use the taxes to adequately enhance the services to the citizens of that specific municipality. Intrusion from the Florida Legislature into municipal finances prohibits elected municipal leaders from meeting the expectations of their residents and local businesses. The Florida League of Cities has included the protection of local self-government under Home Rule powers as one of it 2018 Legislative Priorities.						
Attachments: 1. Resolution No. 2018-02						
Recommended by:N/A						
Approved By:  Assistant County Administrator  Approved By:  Date						

#### II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

#### A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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Joel Flores Mayor

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# Office of the City Clerk Certification

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**County of Palm Beach** 

I, Joanna Cunningham, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, exact and correct copy of executed Resolution No. 2018-02 that was adopted by the City Council on January 22, 2018.

Witness my hand and official corporate seal, this 26th day of January, 2018.

City of Greenacres, Florida

Joanna Cunningham, MMC

**City Clerk** 

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-02**

A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENACRES FLORIDA. OPPOSING LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS TO IMPEDE THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT FLORIDA'S CITIZENS HAVE ENJOYED FOR NEARLY 50 YEARS TO GOVERN THEMSELVES UNDER MUNICIPAL HOME RULE POWERS; OPPOSING THE LEGISLATURE'S PERSISTENT INTRUSION INTO LOCAL FINANCES, WHICH ARE NECESSARY TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL STABILITY AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES UNIQUELY REQUIRED BY MUNICIPAL **AND** LOCAL **BUSINESSES**; DIRECTING ADMINISTRATION TO TRANSMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, it is the expressed will of the voters of Florida to have the right to govern themselves under municipal Home Rule powers; and

**WHEREAS**, Floridians have possessed this constitutional right of local self-government for nearly 50 years; and

**WHEREAS**, as the only form of voluntary government, Florida's municipalities are the embodiment of the Florida Constitution's right of local self-government; and

**WHEREAS**, municipal Home Rule powers include all governmental, corporate and proprietary powers necessary to conduct municipal government, perform municipal functions and render municipal services for the unique benefit of the people who live and work within a municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, Floridians exercise their Home Rule powers by voting to incorporate and be governed under a municipal form of government for a variety of reasons, including increased services, a unique business and residential environment, and greater voice in how their government is run; and

WHEREAS, municipal citizens further exercise their Home Rule powers by voting on a charter that specifies the desired form, functions and powers of their municipal government; and

WHEREAS, Floridians' constitutional right to govern themselves locally under municipal Home Rule powers and pursuant to their adopted municipal charters, is being increasingly eroded and limited by actions of the Florida Legislature; and

WHEREAS, these actions of the Florida Legislature take power away from Florida citizens to ensure their chosen municipal government provides their desired level of

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services, offers their desired quality of life and otherwise meets their needs in a timely and effective manner; and

- **WHEREAS**, municipalities are authorized by the Florida Constitution and by general law to levy ad valorem and other forms of local taxation, and are further authorized by general law and their Home Rule powers to impose special assessments and fees; and
- **WHEREAS**, municipal residents and local businesses pay local taxes, assessments and fees for the specific purpose of obtaining and enhancing their desired level of municipal services and amenities; and
- **WHEREAS**, intrusion from the Florida Legislature into municipal finances prohibits elected municipal leaders from meeting the expectations of their residents and local businesses that local revenues will be used as intended; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Florida League of Cities has included the protection of local self-government under municipal Home Rule powers as one of its 2018 Legislative Priorities.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENACRES, FLORIDA, THAT:
- **Section 1.** The above "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 Greenacres urges all members of the Florida Legislature to oppose legislation that limits Floridians' constitutional right to govern themselves under municipal Home Rule Powers.
- **Section 3.** The City Council of the City of Greenacres urges all members of the Florida Legislature to oppose legislation that would interfere with or intrude into municipal finances.
- **Section 4.** City administration is directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Florida League of Cities, the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation and any other interested parties.
- **Section 5.** All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith, be and the same are repealed to the extent of such conflict.
- **Section 6.** If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.
- **Section 7.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

## RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of January, 2018

	Voted
Joel Flores Mayor	Paula Bousquet Deputy Mayor
Joanna Cunningham City Clerk	John Tharp Council Member, District I
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Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency:

James D. Stokes City Attorney