

RESOLUTION NO. 2018 - \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, HONORING FIFTY (50) YEARS OF MUNICIPAL HOME RULE IN THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION AND COMMITTING TO PROVIDE AN EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE TO HELP ALL FLORIDIANS UNDERSTAND THIS BENEFICIAL RIGHT.

**WHEREAS**, Florida's voters placed municipal Home Rule powers into the Florida Constitution on November 5, 1968, during the regular election as an amendment to Article VIII; and

**WHEREAS**, this constitutional 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**, various initiatives have been presented that dispute the right of municipalities to exercise Home Rule authority; and

**WHEREAS**, grassroots measures declaring that local decisions be made at the local level by local officials must continue so that officials at all levels of government clearly understand Florida's Home Rule as a constitutional power and one that is upheld in state statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Home Rule is a fitting time for all municipalities to engage their respective citizens and 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 CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, FLORIDA:**

**SECTION 1.** That the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Home Rule presents a tremendous opportunity to educate all citizens about Florida's Constitution, municipal government and Home Rule authority.

**SECTION 2.** That the City of Rockledge will remain vigilant against all efforts to reduce or erode this cherished right and engage in efforts to ensure that state and federal government partners understand that a one-size-fits-all approach to governance is not in the interest of Florida citizens.

**SECTION 3.** That protecting the tradition of local decision-making in Florida is essential, as it provides each municipality the ability to preserve and enhance the numerous characteristics that make all municipalities uniquely special and improve the quality of life for their citizens.

**SECTION 4.** That the City of Rockledge will disseminate this information through venues it deems appropriate.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rockledge, Florida, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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Chairman, City Council of the  
City of Rockledge, Florida

ATTEST:

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City Clerk