

RESOLUTION NO. 2018- 2523

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA COMMEMORATING 50 YEARS OF MUNICIPAL HOME RULE IN THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION AND PROMOTING AWARENESS AND EDUCATION ON THE IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL GOVERNANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION.**

**WHEREAS**, Florida's voters approved and 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 attempts to limit home rule powers; and

**WHEREAS**, grassroots measures opposing such attempts and declaring that municipal 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**, the Town of Surfside ("Town") desires to commemorate the 50th anniversary and continue to support the Home Rule Powers of municipalities by promoting community awareness and educating citizens about the Florida Constitution and the importance of local governance, so that all Floridians may continue to receive the many benefits of Home Rule.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Recitals.** The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.

**Section 2. Commemorating and Supporting.** That the Town desires to commemorate 50 years of Municipal Home Rule Powers and finds that the tradition of local decision-making in Florida is essential to protect, preserve and enhance the myriad characteristics that make each one uniquely special and that maintains its quality of life. Additionally, the Town finds that this anniversary presents an opportunity to promote community awareness and educate

all citizens about Florida's Constitution, municipal government and Home Rule authority, and the importance of local governance.

**Section 3. Authorization and Implementation.** That the Town Manager and/or his designee is authorized to take all actions necessary to implement the terms and intent of this Resolution.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.


PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018.

Motion By: Vice Mayor Gielchinsky

Second By: Commissioner Karukin

**FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION**


Commissioner Barry Cohen	<u>Absent</u>
Commissioner Michael Karukin	<u>yes</u>
Commissioner Tina Paul	<u>yes</u>
Vice Mayor Daniel Gielchinsky	<u>yes</u>
Mayor Daniel Dietch	<u>yes</u>

  
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Daniel Dietch, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Sandra Novoa, MMC  
Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency:

  
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Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L.  
Town Attorney