

RESOLUTION 17-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN RIVER SHORES, FLORIDA; URGING MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO OPPOSE HB 17 AND SB 1158 WHICH PREEMPT HOME RULE POWER TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN UNLESS EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZED BY THE LEGISLATURE; AUTHORIZES TRANSMISSION OF THE RESOLUTION TO THE INDIAN RIVER COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.

WHEREAS, in 1968, Florida voters amended the State Constitution conferring broad Home Rule powers to counties and municipalities, authorizing local officials to pass local ordinances and exercise all powers not specifically prohibited by law; and

WHEREAS, House Bill (HB) 17 prohibits counties and municipalities from adopting or imposing new regulations on a business, profession, or occupation; requires the repeal of existing regulations; and establishes a preemption of the Town Councils ability to act on local problems and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 1158 preempts to the Florida Legislature the Town's authority to adopt and enforce certain ordinances or regulations relating to commerce, trade, or labor unless expressly authorized by law;

WHEREAS, HB 17 and SB 1158 thwart the ability of the Town to respond in a timely manner to matters of local importance as expressed by local citizens and shifts local matters to the Florida Legislature, a 160 member body that is constitutionally focused on matters of State-wide importance which meets only once a year for 60 days and is located outside the geographic limits of the Town of Indian River Shores, making it difficult for local citizens to effectively petition the Florida Legislature for change;

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Indian River Shores believes opposing HB 17 and SB 1158 is in the best interest of Town residents and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN RIVER SHORES, FLORIDA, to request the members of the Florida Legislature to oppose HB 17 and SB 1158.

FURTHERMORE, THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN RIVER SHORES directs the transmission of this Resolution to the Florida League of Cities and other interested parties.

This Resolution 17-01 was introduced and approved by the TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN RIVER SHORES, Florida, on the **23rd** day of **March**, 2017.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

TOWN OF INDIAN RIVER SHORES

/s _____
Laura Aldrich, Town Clerk

/s _____
Michael B. Ochsner, Vice Mayor