

RESOLUTION NO. 17-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN RIVER SHORES, FLORIDA; URGING MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO OPPOSE HB 487 AND SB 330 PERTAINING TO BUSINESS TAX; AUTHORIZES TRANSMISSION OF THE RESOLUTION TO THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.

WHEREAS, the Town of Indian River Shores has had the ability to set the amount of local business tax at a reasonable level to meet our needs; and

WHEREAS, **House Bill 487** and **Senate Bill 330** would limit the amount of the local business tax to \$25 for any taxpayer, and would also prohibit the Town from levying the local business tax if the tax was not adopted by January 1, 2017' and

WHEREAS, local revenues like the Local Business Tax are used to assist in funding municipal services to citizens and businesses such as zoning, permitting, code enforcement, and police and fire services.

WHEREAS, a diversified revenue base is necessary for the fiscal stability of local governments and improves their ability to serve citizens and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the effect of these bills will reduce the amounts collected to serve businesses in the Town by thousands of dollars; and

WHEREAS, these bills are inconsistent with the concept of home rule in that each municipality determines the levels of service to support businesses, as well as the appropriate level of local taxes needed to provide these services.

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 487 and SB 330.

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 17-02 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