RESOLUTION NO. 2018-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BELLEAIR, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES AND THE SUNCOAST LEAGUE OF CITIES LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES AND URGING MEMEBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING ISSUES DURING THE 2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

WHEREAS, as Florida's population continues to increase, cities are challenged to meet the service demands and infrastructure needs to account for new growth; and

WHEREAS, a majority of Florida's municipalities are challenged to meet the increasing infrastructure, transportation, and water quality needs of their citizens; and

WHEREAS, the state has imposed greater accountability in comprehensive planning and fiscal feasibility standards on municipalities; and

WHEREAS, Florida's municipalities are dependent on other governmental entities for financial stability and presently the state, counties, and school districts, control every funding source that has been authorized for implementing growth management capital improvements and complying with concurrency requirements; and

WHEREAS, municipal self-determination and local self-government are constantly under attack from a variety of public and private interests; and

WHEREAS, the role and function of municipal government is constantly evolving from new demands from its citizens and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Florida League of Cities is fighting for strong local self-government in their 2018 Legislative Agenda; and

WHERAS, the Suncoast League of Cities, supports legislation that repeals the state preemption of the regulation of vacation rental properties

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF BELLEAIR, FLORIDA:

<u>**Section 1:**</u> That the Town of Belleair supports the Florida League of Cities and the Suncoast League of Cities 2018 Legislative Agenda and urges Governor Rick Scott and members of the Florida Legislature to support legislation that:

- Preserves local control of transportation planning, provides for a more equitable transportation funding formula between municipalities and counties, and provides for additional dedicated revenue options for municipal transportation infrastructure and transit projects.

- Provides funding that assists cities and counties in addressing aging infrastructure concerns.
- Mitigates effects of natural disasters on Florida's transportation infrastructure.
- Provides long-term, recurring and adequate state funding equitably distributed throughout the state, for local government water resources and water quality improvement projects and infrastructure, including, but not limited to, projects that: reduce nutrient and pollutant loading from wastewater sources; mitigate stormwater and flooding impacts; and increase available water resources and supplies.
- Repeals the state preemption of the regulation of vacation rental properties.

Section 2:   The Town of Belleair urges Governor Rick Scott and members of the Florida Legislature to oppose legislation that:

- Impedes the constitutional right of self-governance under home rule powers.
- Intrudes into local finance, which is necessary to provide financial stability and essential services uniquely required by municipal residents and local businesses.
- Reduces municipal taxation powers.
- Allows unfunded mandates.
- Preempts local regulation of businesses, professions, commerce and trade.

Section 3: The Town Clerk is directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to Governor Rick Scott, the Florida League of Cities, Suncoast League of Cities, the Pinellas County Legislative Delegation and any other interested parties.

Section 4: The appropriate Town officials are authorized to execute all necessary documents and to take any necessary action to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

Section 5: This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

   PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Commission of the Town of Belleair, Florida, this **2nd** day of **JANUARY, A.D., 2018.**

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Town Clerk