

Resolution No. 38-07-18

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA
HONORING FIFTY YEARS OF MUNICIPAL HOME RULE IN THE
FLORIDA CONSTITUTION AND COMMITTING TO AN
EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE TO HELP 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 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 attacks on these powers; and

WHEREAS, grassroots measures calling such actions wrong and declaring that local 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, a 50th anniversary is a fitting time for all municipalities to engage their respective citizens 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 TOWN OF LAKE PARK
FLORIDA:**

Section 1. That this anniversary presents a tremendous opportunity to educate all citizens about Florida's Constitution, municipal government and Home Rule authority, and that all necessary resources shall be provided for such public information.

Section 2. That the Town of Lake Park, Florida will actively challenge all efforts to reduce or erode this cherished right and further employ all efforts to ensure state and federal government partners understand that a one-size-fits-all approach to governance is not in the interests of Florida citizens.

Section 3. That the tradition of local decision-making in Florida is essential to protect, as it provides each municipality the ability to preserve and enhance the myriad characteristics that make each one uniquely special and that maintains its quality of life.

Section 4. That the Lake Park Florida will include this information on its website, as a regular agenda item for public discussion and within the Town of Lake Park services in as many outreach venues as possible.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Flaherty who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Michaud and upon being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

	AYE	NAY
MAYOR MICHAEL O'ROURKE		<u>Absent at time of vote</u>
VICE-MAYOR KIMBERLY GLAS-CASTRO	<u>/</u>	—
COMMISSIONER ERIN FLAHERTY	<u>/</u>	—
COMMISSIONER ANNE LYNCH	<u>/</u>	—
COMMISSIONER ROGER MICHAUD	<u>/</u>	—

The Town Commission thereupon declared the foregoing Resolution NO. 38-07-18 duly passed and adopted this 18 day of July, 2018.

TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA

BY: [Signature]
MICHAEL O'ROURKE
MAYOR

ATTEST:

[Signature]
VIVIAN MENDEZ
TOWN CLERK



Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

BY: [Signature]
THOMAS J. BAIRD
TOWN ATTORNEY