

**A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC., URGING CONGRESS  
TO REAUTHORIZE THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM.**

**WHEREAS**, floods are the most common and destructive natural disaster in the United States and Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress created the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in 1968 to make affordable flood insurance available to homeowners, renters and business owners in exchange for using Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) generated Flood Insurance Rate Maps for floodplain management by participating communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Flood Disaster Act of 1973 requires the purchase of flood insurance as a condition of receiving any form of federal or federal-related financial assistance for acquisition or construction purposes with respect to the insurance of buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, the NFIP provides affordable flood insurance to property owners by encouraging local governments to adopt and enforce floodplain and water management regulations, best practices and techniques; and

**WHEREAS**, these mitigation efforts reduce and prevent flooding on new and improved structures, thereby saving lives and reducing injuries, reducing economic losses, maintaining and protecting critical infrastructure, and reducing the liability borne by local governments and their elected officials; and

**WHEREAS**, flooding is a serious risk in Florida due to the state's geography and proximity to water, both coastal and inland; and

**WHEREAS**, this issue is a critical concern for our state as Florida has the largest number of participants in the NFIP with more than 1.7 million policies in force; and

**WHEREAS**, the NFIP is set to expire on September 30, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, a lack of long-term reauthorization causes uncertainty for beneficiaries and providers; and

**WHEREAS**, there is still no viable private market for homeowners and businesses to acquire sufficient flood insurance coverage; and

**WHEREAS**, accurate mapping is fundamental for local governments to assess and communicate risk to their communities and property owners; and

**WHEREAS**, the current federal mapping process often results in local governments having to rely on inaccurate maps that do not take into account locally built flood protection features and communities building off of outdated mapping, which results in artificially inflated risk. Further, many areas of the country are not mapped or mapped accurately, which results in communities not being aware that they are at risk of flooding; and

**WHEREAS**, it is incumbent upon all of us to have a long-term, sustainable and viable NFIP with rates that are affordable; and

**WHEREAS**, FEMA launched a new risk rating system called Risk Rating 2.0 to address deficiencies in the traditional mapping process; and

**WHEREAS**, Risk Rating 2.0 will be used as a basis for new flood insurance rates, but the technical details and the actuarial data on which premiums will be based have not been clearly defined by FEMA.

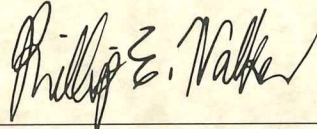


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.:

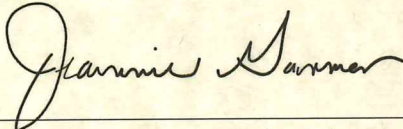
**Section 1.** The Florida League of Cities, Inc., supports a long-term National Flood Insurance Program that utilizes a flood risk rating system that is transparent, equitable and affordable.

**Section 2.** A copy of this resolution be sent to President Joe Biden, the administrator of FEMA, the Florida Congressional Delegation, the National League of Cities and the membership of the Florida League of Cities, Inc.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Florida League of Cities, Inc., in conference assembled at the League's 2022 Annual Conference at the Diplomat Beach Resort in Hollywood, FL, this 13th day of August 2022.



Phillip E. Walker, President  
Florida League of Cities, Inc.  
Commissioner, City of Lakeland



ATTEST:

Jeannie Garner, Executive Director/CEO  
Florida League of Cities, Inc.





**A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC., IN BOTH  
RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
LEAGUE AND HONORING THIS MOMENTOUS OCCASION.**

**WHEREAS**, in 1922 several municipal officials came together in Tampa, formed the Florida League of Municipalities and stressed the need for a united voice for all cities, towns and villages as well as a forum at which common issues could be discussed and resolved; and

**WHEREAS**, for one century this association, whose name was changed to the Florida League of Cities in 1970, has been that uniting factor through which leaders have been galvanized on all municipal issues, and through which the League provides a valued forum today, holding fast to both original missions; and

**WHEREAS**, across the decades League advocates have worked tirelessly in Florida's constitutional, legislative, legal and administrative arenas for reform, rights and action and such advocacy culminated in Home Rule powers being voted into the Constitution in 1968, and such actions continue to be the strongest force for preserving this authority despite efforts to preempt or diminish it or to burden cities with mandates; and

**WHEREAS**, the dedicated leadership of its officers and boards of directors over the decades have built a foundation of strength, resilience and success for the association to a level unparalleled among organizations, and these same leaders and devoted FLC staff have had and continue to have the outstanding vision for entrepreneurial programs, products and services for the League to provide to its members and other local governments, and through such actions ensures viable services that benefit local governments every day as well as ensuring for the League a healthy and sustainable fiscal standing; and

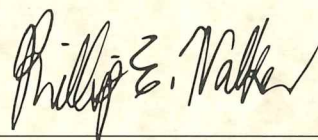
**WHEREAS**, an anniversary of this magnitude is worthy of acknowledgement, celebration and sober reflection upon all that has been accomplished and to also look toward the next century for this association and its many programs such that a promising, bright and attainable future is planned.

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**Section 1.** The membership acknowledges the century mark for its statewide association with great fanfare and celebration.

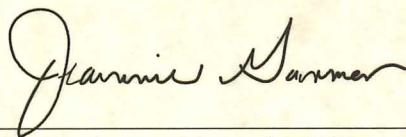
**Section 2.** This resolution be posted on the League's website and published in QC magazine and a copy of this resolution be sent to the National League of Cities and the membership of the Florida League of Cities, Inc.

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC., RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 17-23, 2022, AS "FLORIDA CITY GOVERNMENT WEEK" AND ENCOURAGING ALL FLORIDA CITY OFFICIALS TO SUPPORT THIS CELEBRATION BY PARTICIPATING IN THE "MY CITY: I'M PART OF IT, I'M PROUD OF IT!" ACTIVITIES.**

**WHEREAS**, city government is the government closest to the people and the one with the most direct daily impact upon its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, city government provides services and programs that enhance the quality of life for residents, making their city their home; and

**WHEREAS**, city government is administered for and by its citizens and is dependent upon public commitment to and understanding of its many responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, city government officials and employees share the responsibility to pass along the understanding of the services provided by cities and their benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida City Government Week is a very important time to recognize the significant role played by city government in our lives and to spread the word to all Floridians that they can shape and influence this level of government, which is closest to the people; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida League of Cities and its member cities have joined together to teach students and other citizens about municipal government through a variety of activities.

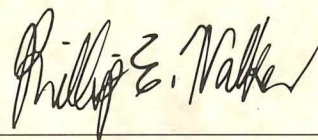
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.:**

**Section 1.** The Florida League of Cities, Inc., encourages all city officials, city employees, school officials and citizens to participate in events that recognize and celebrate Florida City Government Week.

**Section 2.** The Florida League of Cities, Inc., supports and encourages all city governments to promote, sponsor and participate in My City: I'm Part of It, I'm Proud of It!

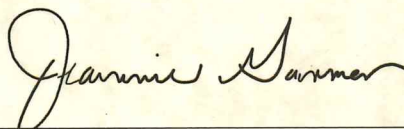
**Section 3.** A copy of this resolution be provided to Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, the Florida Cabinet, the Florida School Boards Association and the membership of the Florida League of Cities, Inc.

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC., EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE CITY OF LAKELAND FOR ITS SUPPORT OF PHILLIP E. WALKER AS PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES.**

**WHEREAS**, Phillip E. Walker, Commissioner of the City of Lakeland, served as President of the Florida League of Cities from 2021-2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens, Mayor, Commissioners and staff of the City of Lakeland were understanding of the demands placed upon Commissioner Walker in his role as President of the League; and

**WHEREAS**, during his presidency, Commissioner Walker focused on the importance of grassroots advocacy, increased engagement by elected officials statewide, and provided the tools and resources municipalities need to be successful, which has led to stronger, healthier and more vibrant communities throughout Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, during his presidency, Commissioner Walker provided leadership, guidance, vision and compassion for Florida's 411 municipalities and their staffs, residents and businesses during an unprecedented time in our nation's history; and

**WHEREAS**, the membership and staff of the League recognize that the commitment of the City of Lakeland to Commissioner Walker's presidency ensured his active participation in League activities and unselfish service to the League, and it permitted him to successfully promote the programs, projects and philosophy of the League during the past year; and

**WHEREAS**, the membership and staff of the League also wish to recognize and personally thank Traci Terry and all of the dedicated City of Lakeland staff for their efforts in providing outstanding assistance to President Walker and FLC staff in coordinating his duties with the City and with the League, and all city staff went above and beyond the call of duty and their outstanding contributions to this effort are applauded and greatly appreciated.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.:**

**Section 1.** The Florida League of Cities, Inc., membership and staff do officially and personally appreciate the commitment the City of Lakeland's citizens, Commissioners and staff made to Commissioner Walker's presidency.

**Section 2.** A copy of this resolution be presented to the City of Lakeland.

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*Jolien Caraballo*

Jolien Caraballo, First Vice President  
Florida League of Cities, Inc.  
Vice Mayor, City of Port St. Lucie

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