

**Florida League of Cities
Business Session
Saturday, August 13, 2022
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Great Hall 1-2**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of 2021 Minutes
3. Reports of Policy and Ad Hoc Committees
4. Unfinished Business
5. New Business:
 - Report of the Resolutions Committee
 - Report of the Nominating Committee – Election of Officers
6. Comments for the "Good of the Order"
7. Adjourn

Florida League of Cities 2022 Annual Conference Committee Reports

This report includes legislative updates from the last legislative session that adjourned on March 11, 2022.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE, TAXATION & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Chair: Deputy Mayor Kenny Johnson, City of Palm Bay

Vice Chair: Commissioner John Carroll, City of Largo

The League's membership adopted one legislative priority and one policy position for the 2022 Legislative Session recommended by the Finance, Taxation & Personnel Legislative Policy Committee.

The League adopted the following priority:

Communications Services Tax Reform

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS reforming the Communications Services Tax in a manner that is revenue neutral; provides for a broad and equitable tax base; provides for enhanced stability and reliability of an important revenue source for municipalities; and provides for a uniform taxing method. Reform should promote a competitively neutral tax policy that will free consumers to choose a provider based on tax-neutral considerations.

No bills relating to communications services tax reform were filed during the 2022 Legislative Session.

The League adopted the following policy position:

Local Business Tax Preservation

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that preserves general revenues collected from the local business tax. These revenues are used to fund essential municipal services such as public safety, and constructing and maintaining roads and bridges, public parks and open spaces. Maintaining a diversified revenue base also strengthens the fiscal stability of municipalities and improves their respective ability to serve citizens and businesses.

No bills relating to local business tax preservation were filed during the 2022 Legislative Session.

REPORT OF THE LAND USE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chair: Vice Mayor Jack Dearmin, City of Lake Alfred

Vice Chair: Commissioner Joseph McMullen, Town of Oakland

The League's membership adopted one legislative priority and one policy position for the 2022 Legislative Session recommended by the Land Use & Economic Development Legislative Policy Committee.

The League adopted the following priority:

Economic Development Incentives

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation and policies that encourage coordination among Enterprise Florida, the Department of Economic Opportunity, other state agencies and cities to promote local economic development by providing increased funding, technical assistance and increased collaboration between the state and cities on offering incentives that maximize economic development opportunities for retention, expansion, and attraction, and

building sustainable economic resiliency.

No bills relating to economic development incentives passed during the 2022 Legislative Session; however, one bill, CS/SB 800, was filed and was supported by the League.

[CS/SB 800](#) (Albritton) would have authorized municipalities to exempt by ordinance the public service tax on electrical energy for qualified purchasers determined by the Department of Revenue (DOR). The bill also provided a sales tax exemption for building materials being used to revitalize real property located within an opportunity zone. Applications for a sales tax refund would have been required to be submitted to DOR within six months of the real property being deemed “substantially completed” by the local building inspector. Applicants would have been limited to one application per property, and the amount must have exceeded \$500. Additionally, the bill would have expanded this tax exemption to include electrical energy being used by a business that operates in an opportunity zone for up to 50% of the tax imposed if the municipality chooses to adopt an ordinance. The bill would have also modified some parameters of the Rural Job Tax Credit Program by removing the minimum number of employees and increasing the tax credit per employee from \$1,000 to \$2,500. The bill would have also created the Rural Opportunity Tax Refund Program intended to provide tax relief for new, qualified targeted businesses that bring economic diversity and high-wage jobs to rural areas. Under the bill, in order for a qualified targeted business to have received this tax benefit, the municipality where the business would have been located must have adopted a resolution recommending the applicant be approved. The bill died in committee.

The League adopted one policy position:

Annexation

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that facilitates the municipal annexation of unincorporated areas while protecting private property rights and respecting municipal boundaries.

No bills amending the annexation process were filed during the 2022 Legislative Session. One bill, [HB 471](#), passed approving the annexation of 33 acres for the Town of Lake Clarke Shores.

REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Chair: Vice-Mayor Kimberly Glas-Castro, Town of Lake Park

Vice Chair: Vice Mayor Sam Fite, City of Bowling Green

The League's membership adopted one legislative priority for the 2022 Session recommended by the Municipal Administration Legislative Policy Committee.

The League adopted the following priority:

Short-Term Rentals

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that restores authority to local governments for the regulation of short-term rental properties as necessary for quality of life, public safety and a fair lodging marketplace. The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation clarifying that existing, grandfathered municipal short-term rental ordinances can be amended without penalty. The Florida League of Cities OPPOSES legislation that preempts municipal authority as it relates to the regulation of short-term rental properties.

Multiple short-term rental bills were filed during the 2022 Legislative Session; however, none of them passed.

[CS/SB 512](#) (Burgess) and [CS/HB 325](#) (Fischer) were filed and heard in at least one committee. The League was neutral on CS/SB 512 and opposed CS/HB 325 because of the prohibition on new fees for vacation rental registration.

Impact on Local Governments

The bills would have maintained the current preemption on local governments from adopting zoning ordinances specific to short-term rentals, as well as regulating the duration of stays and the frequency in which the properties are rented. The bills would have expanded this preemption to include local regulations on advertising platforms. For cities that adopted ordinances prior to June 1, 2011, the bills would have maintained the “grandfather” currently in place but clarified that those cities may have amended their ordinances to be less restrictive or to comply with a local registration program. For cities that did not have “grandfathered” protections, the bills would have preempted cities from licensing short-term rentals; however, they authorized local governments to have a local registration program.

Under the bills, as a condition of the local registration program, a local government could only require a property owner to:

- Pay a fee of no more than \$50 for processing the registration application. CS/HB 325 was amended to “grandfather” in existing fees but would have prohibited cities from increasing or adopting new fees if they did not charge them already.
- Renew their registration no more than once per year unless the property has a change in ownership.
- Submit identifying information about the owner or the property manager and the short-term rental being registered.
- Obtain a license as a transient public lodging establishment by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) within 60 days of local registration.
- Obtain all required tax registration, receipts or certificates issued by the Department of Revenue, a county or a municipal government.
- Maintain all registration information on a continuing basis so it is current.
- Comply with parking and solid waste handling requirements; these requirements cannot be imposed solely on short-term rentals.
- Designate and maintain a property designee who can respond to complaints and other immediate problems related to the property, including being available by phone.
- Pay in full all municipal or county code liens against the property being registered.

Impact on Advertising Platforms and DBPR

Advertising platforms would have been required to include in all listings the property’s state license number and, if applicable, the local registration number. After July 1, 2023, the advertising platform would have been required to check and verify the license number of all listings with the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR). Additionally, by that date, DBPR would have been required to maintain all short-term rental license information in an electronic format to ensure prompt compliance. Advertising platforms would have been required to remove unlicensed listings within 15 days after notification by DBPR, as well as collect and remit all required taxes.

Termination/Denial of License

DBPR would have been able to revoke, refuse to issue or renew a short-term rental license or suspend the license for up to 30 days under several circumstances:

- The property owner violated the terms of any lease or applicable condominium, coop or homeowner’s association restrictions
- The owner failed to provide proof of local registration if one is required
- The local registration was terminated by a local government for violating any of the registration requirements described above

- The property and property owner were subject to a final order or judgment directing termination of the property's short-term rental status
- DBPR could have also suspended the license for up to 30 days if a short-term rental had been cited for two or more code enforcement violations during a 90-day period. CS/SB 512 was amended to specify that these violations must be brought by a code enforcement board.

[HB 6033](#) (Grieco) would have repealed all preemption provisions in current law relating to the local regulation of vacation rentals. There was no Senate companion bill and the House bill was never heard in a committee. The League supported the bill.

The League membership adopted one policy position.

Cybersecurity

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation dedicating state resources for the development and enhancement of municipal cybersecurity by providing funding for technical assistance, threat assessments, employee training, infrastructure improvements and data protection, including the protection of exempt and confidential information such as law enforcement personnel information and security plans for government buildings and other key critical infrastructure.

Multiple bills relating to cybersecurity were filed during the 2022 Legislative Session and two bills supported by the League passed and were signed into law by the Governor.

[CS/HB 7055](#) (State Administration and Technology Appropriations Subcommittee, Giallombardo) creates the Local Government Cybersecurity Act. The bill requires all local government employees with access to the government's network to complete a basic cybersecurity training within 30 days of beginning employment and annually thereafter. All local government technology employees and employees with access to highly sensitive information will be required to complete more advanced cybersecurity training. The Florida Digital Service will develop and provide these trainings. The bill also requires local governments to adopt cybersecurity standards that safeguard their data, information technology and information technology resources to ensure availability, confidentiality and integrity. The standards must be consistent with generally accepted best practices for cybersecurity, including the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and Technology Cybersecurity Framework. Municipalities with a population over 25,000 must comply by January 1, 2024. Municipalities with a population under 25,000 must comply by January 1, 2025. The bill also requires local governments to report severe cybersecurity incidents and ransomware incidents to the State Watch Office as soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours after discovery for a cybersecurity incident and 12 hours after discovery for a ransomware incident. The bill also prohibits state agencies, counties and municipalities from paying or otherwise complying with a ransom demand. The budget includes \$67 million of nonrecurring state funding to assist local governments in complying with the provisions of the bill. The bill clarifies what type of cyber incidents need to be reported by a local government and defines the levels of severity of a cybersecurity incident set by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security National Cyber Incident Response Plan. All incidents that could be described as levels 3-5 in severity shall be reported to the Cybersecurity Operations Center with the timelines specified above. Level 1-2 incidents may be reported if the local government chooses. The bill also requires the advanced training to include training on the incident levels. The bill's effective date is July 1, 2022.

[CS/HB 7057](#) (State Administration and Technology Appropriations Subcommittee, Giallombardo) provides a public records exemption for coverage limits and deductible or self-insurance amounts of insurance or risk mitigation coverages acquired for the protection of information technology systems, operational technology systems or data of a local government. The bill also exempts information related to an agency's critical infrastructure. Additionally, any information related to an agency's network schematics, hardware and software configurations, or encryption

information or details that identify detection, investigation or response practices or confirmed cybersecurity incidents are exempt under the bill. Finally, the bill creates a public meeting exemption for any portion of a meeting that would reveal the confidential and exempt information described above. The meetings must be recorded and transcribed, but those records are exempt. The bill went into effect on July 1, 2022.

REPORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair: Commissioner Rufus Borom, City of Palatka

Vice Chair: Councilman Jeff Hmara, Village of Royal Palm Beach

The League's membership adopted one legislative priority for the 2022 Session recommended by the Transportation & Intergovernmental Relations Legislative Policy Committee.

The League adopted the following priority:

Transportation Funding

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation:

- ***Directing the Florida Department of Transportation to establish a grant program to provide financial assistance for the installation of publicly available electric vehicle charging infrastructure on public or private property***
- ***Providing technical assistance for the development and adoption of local or regional plans for charging infrastructure and associated equipment***
- ***Identifying additional transportation revenue to support innovative infrastructure and transit projects to meet the surging transportation demands driven by dramatic growth throughout Florida.***

No bills relating to transportation funding were filed during the 2022 Legislative Session.

The League membership adopted one policy position.

Affordable Housing

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation that requires all money from the Sadowski State and Local Housing Trust Fund be used only for Florida's affordable housing programs targeted to meet the needs of workforce housing, including low income, very low income and disabled persons, for both home ownership and rental unit availability.

Included in the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget, [HB 5001](#), was language creating the Florida Hometown Heroes Housing Program. This program makes homeownership affordable for eligible frontline community workers such as police officers, firefighters, nurses, childcare workers and active military or veterans. This program provides down payment and closing cost assistance to income-qualified homebuyers so they can purchase a primary residence in the community in which they work and serve. The Florida Hometown Heroes Loan Program also offers a lower first mortgage rate and additional special benefits to those who have served and continue to serve their country. The budget allocated \$100 million in nonrecurring funds from the State Housing Trust Fund to be used by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation to establish the program.

HB 5001 also included \$209 million in the 2022-2023 budget for the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program.

REPORT OF THE UTILITIES, NATURAL RESOURCES & PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Chair: Mayor Heidi Herzberg, City of Deltona

Vice Chair: Commissioner Jen Ahearn-Koch, City of Sarasota

The League's membership adopted one legislative priority for the 2022 Session recommended by the Utilities, Natural Resources & Public Works Legislative Policy Committee.

The League adopted the following priority:

Tree Protection

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislation to close loopholes and create standards in current law exemptions from municipal tree ordinances that have caused litigation and abuses, including the clear-cutting of land pre-development and the removal of healthy trees that present little, if any, risk to persons or structures. Current law should be amended to apply only to developed single-family residential property, identify industry-appropriate standards for assessing tree risk and identify necessary documentation.

A bill supported by the League, CS/SB 518, passed during the 2022 Legislative Session.

[CS/SB 518](#) (Brodeur) clarifies current law, Section 163.045, Florida Statutes, which provides that a local government may not require a notice, application, permit, fee or mitigation for pruning, trimming or removing a tree on a residential property if the owner obtains documentation from an arborist or licensed landscape architect that the tree presents a danger to persons or property. The bill defines “documentation” as an on-site assessment performed in accordance with tree risk assessment procedures outlined in Best Management Practices – Tree Risk Assessment, Second Edition (2017) by an arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) or a Florida licensed landscape architect and signed by the arborist or landscape architect. It defines “residential property” as a single-family, detached building located on a lot actively used for single-family residential purposes and that is either a conforming use or a legally recognized non-conforming use. The bill removes reference to the term “danger” and replaces it with the phrase “unacceptable risk.” It specifies a tree presents an unacceptable risk if removal is the only means of practically mitigating its risk below moderate, as determined by the tree risk assessment procedures outlined in the Best Management Practices – Tree Risk Assessment, Second Edition (2017). Effective July 1, 2022.

The League adopted the following policy position:

Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

The Florida League of Cities SUPPORTS legislative action to address growing concerns about PFAS in soil and water, including coordinating with the Environmental Protection Agency to establish science-based cleanup target levels, providing resources for testing and research, public education and risk assessment guidelines, establishing liability protection for entities that have legally used PFAS for fire suppression or have passively received PFAS, and developing cost-effective and risk-based corrective strategies for PFAS.

During the 2022 Session, CS/HB 1475, supported by the League, passed the Legislature and was signed into law.

[CS/HB 1475](#) (McClure) provides that if the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has not finalized its standards for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in drinking water, groundwater, and soil by January 2025, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) must adopt by rule statewide cleanup target levels for PFAS in drinking water, soil and groundwater, with priority given to Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS). The DEP rules may not take effect until ratified by the Legislature. In addition, until the department’s rule for a particular PFAS constituent has been ratified by the Legislature, a governmental agency or private water supplier may not be subject to any administrative or judicial action under Chapter 376, Florida Statutes, brought by any state or local governmental entity to compel or enjoin site rehabilitation, to require payment for the cost of rehabilitation, or to

require payment of any fines or penalties regarding rehabilitation based on the presence of that particular PFAS constituent. The effective date is June 20, 2022.

For a comprehensive report of bills that the Florida League of Cities tracked during the 2022 Legislative Session, view the [2022 Legislative Final Report](#).

REPORT OF THE FEDERAL ACTION STRIKE TEAM

Chair: Councilmember Cal Rolfson, City of Mount Dora

Vice Chair: Vice Mayor Heather Moraitis, City of Fort Lauderdale

The Federal Action Strike Team (FAST) was created to support the League's strategic plan objective to strengthen federal relations. The primary purpose of the committee is to establish proactive and reactive communications with the Florida congressional delegation in support of federal municipal policy.

The FAST committee has made a strong commitment to shaping federal municipal policy and has taken action on several federal issues, including:

- American Rescue Plan Act – Implementing the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund that provides direct federal aid to every Florida municipality to assist with recovery efforts resulting from COVID-19.
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) – Providing tools and financial resources to assist cities in strengthening and rebuilding needed infrastructure, particularly in the areas of transportation, broadband and water quality/quantity.
- Flood Insurance – Supporting federal legislation to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program and more transparency from FEMA on Risk Rating 2.0.
- Cybersecurity – Supporting federal funding for technical assistance, threat assessments, employee training, infrastructure improvements and data protection.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, FAST coordinated several successful Fly-ins to Washington D.C., where city officials met directly with members of the Florida congressional delegation. Due to uncertainty surrounding the pandemic and security protocols at the U.S. Capitol, future fly-ins are temporarily on hold. The FAST team is helping to schedule meetings virtually with the Florida Congressional Delegation called Cities Convene with Congress, to keep in touch on federal issues affecting cities.

The National League of Cities' City Summit conference is this November 17-19, 2022, in Kansas City, Missouri. Conference information is available at citysummit.nlc.org. The following municipal officials currently serve on the NLC Board of Directors: Vice Mayor Leo Longworth, Bartow and Vice Mayor Joshua Simmons, Coral Springs.

REPORT OF THE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Chair: Mayor Holly Smith, City of Sanibel

Vice Chair: Councilmember Sarah Stoeckel, City of Titusville

The Advocacy Committee met virtually several times before and during the 2022 Legislative Session keeping the committee more engaged and up to date on key legislative issues. The Advocacy Committee has been focused on strengthening relationships and improving communications with legislators.

Lobbying in Tallahassee during Interim Committee Meetings/Legislative Session

The Legislative Session will begin March 7, 2023. The League encourages municipal officials to come to Tallahassee to help advocate the 2023 Legislative Action Agenda. The League hopes to have a strong representation of municipal officials in Tallahassee to convey a strong unified message in support of the FLC legislative priority issues. Municipal officials are also encouraged to come to Tallahassee during the interim committee meetings which will begin after the November general elections.

Improving Legislative Communications During Session

FLC is working to develop tools to help city officials keep the FLC staff informed about legislative communications during session. It is critical to know when municipal officials are communicating with their legislators on FLC priority issues. FLC updated the Home Rule Hero criteria to stress the importance of responding to legislative alerts and keeping the FLC legislative team informed on communications with legislators.

Local Legislative Delegation Meetings

Local legislative delegation meetings will be scheduled around the state to prepare for the 2023 Legislative Session. FLC will work with local/regional leagues to encourage city officials to speak at the delegation meetings in support of the FLC Legislative Action Agenda.

Local Voices United

The Field Advocacy and Federal Affairs department is encouraging municipal officials to spread the message of "local decision-making" to citizen and neighborhood associations, local chambers of commerce, etc.

Home Rule Hero Award

The Home Rule Hero Award was created to recognize city officials who went above and beyond to advocate the FLC Legislative Agenda this past legislative session. FLC awarded 154 municipal officials as a 2022 Home Rule Hero. For a list of 2022 Home Rule Heroes, click [HERE](#).

2022-01

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

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.

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

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

Submitted by: FLC Staff

2022-02

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.

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.

Submitted by: FLC Staff

2022-03

**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 and 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.

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

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

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

Submitted by: FLC Staff

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.

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

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

Submitted by: Mayor Tyler Payne, Treasure Island



Nominating Committee Report

Candidate for President

- Vice Mayor Jolien Caraballo, Port St. Lucie

Candidate for First Vice President

- Mayor Greg Ross, Cooper City

Candidate for Second Vice President

- Mayor Michael Blake, Cocoa

Candidates for District Directors

District 1

- Mayor Pro Tem William Schaetzle, Niceville
- Mayor JB Whitten, Crestview

District 2

- Councilmember Jake Hill, Lake City
- Vice-Mayor Thomas DeVille, Penney Farms

District 3

- Mayor Don Burnette, Port Orange
- Mayor Bill Partington, Ormond Beach

District 4

- Councilmember Mindy Gibson, Satellite Beach
- Councilmember Sarah Stoeckel, Titusville

District 5

- Mayor Louie Davis, Waldo
- Councilmember Cal Rolfson, Mount Dora

District 6

- Mayor Nathan Blackwell, St. Cloud
- Commissioner Joseph McMullen, Oakland

- Commissioner Rosemary Wilsen, Ocoee

District 7

- Mayor Dorothea Taylor Bogert, Auburndale
- Vice Mayor Marlene Wagner, Lake Hamilton

District 8

- Mayor Tyler Payne, Treasure Island
- Councilor Trish Springer, Seminole

District 9

- Councilmember Ed Dodd, Sebastian

District 10

- Commissioner Brian Williams, Palmetto

District 11

- Mayor Julie Wilkins, LaBelle

District 12

- Councilmember Julia Botel, Riviera Beach
- Vice Mayor Kimberly Glas-Castro, Lake Park
- Vice Mayor Lawrence Gordon, Haverhill
- Councilman Jeff Hmara, Royal Palm Beach

District 13

- Commissioner Traci Callari, Hollywood
- Commissioner Todd Drosky, Deerfield Beach
- Commissioner Bob Mayersohn, Parkland
- Commissioner Gary Resnick, Wilton Manors
- Commissioner Iris Siple, Pembroke Pines
- Councilwoman Susan Starkey, Davie
- Commissioner Beverly Williams, Lauderdale Lakes

District 14

- Mayor Juan Carlos "JC" Bermudez, Doral
- Mayor Joseph Corradino, Pinecrest
- Mayor Rodney Harris, Miami Gardens
- Councilmember Crystal Wagar, Miami Shores

10 Most Populous City Seats

- Jacksonville – Council Member Samuel Newby

- Miami – Commissioner Ken Russell
- Tampa – Council Chairman Joseph Citro
- St. Petersburg – Mayor Kenneth Welch
- Orlando – Commissioner Robert Stuart
- Hialeah – Mayor Esteban Bovo, Jr
- Tallahassee – Commissioner Dianne Williams-Cox
- Fort Lauderdale – Mayor Dean Trantalis
- Port St. Lucie – Councilwoman Stephanie Morgan
- Cape Coral – Mayor John Gunter

All Past Presidents Who are Still in Elected Office

- Commissioner Scott Black, Dade City
- Mayor Frank Ortis, Pembroke Pines
- Mayor Joy Cooper, Hallandale Beach
- Mayor Pat Bates, Altamonte Springs
- Commissioner Matthew Surrency, Hawthorne
- Commissioner Leo E. Longworth, Bartow
- Council Member Isaac Salver, Bay Harbor Islands
- Commissioner Tony Ortiz, Orlando
- Commissioner Phillip E. Walker, Lakeland

Elected Officials Who Have Been in Elected Office for 50 or More Years

- Currently no one qualifies for this seat

FCCMA Non-Voting Member (Ex-Officio Member)

- Michael Pleus, City Manager, Deland