

RESOLUTION 2018-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAVERHILL 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 regular elections as an amendment to Article VIII; and; and

WHEREAS, this power has enabled each city, town and village across the Sunshine State to consider, adopt or 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 man attacks on these powers; and

WHEREAS, grassroots measures calling such action 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 COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAVERHILL, FLORIDA, as follows:

SECTION 1. 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. The Town Council of the Town of Haverhill 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. 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 quality of life.

SECTION 4. The Town of Haverhill will include this information on its website, and in as many outreach venues as possible, including sending a copy of this Resolution to the National League of Cities, Florida League of Cities, Palm Beach County League of Cities, all municipalities within the County as well as to the Governor and the Florida Legislature.

SECTION 5. This Resolution will become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this **12 day of July, 2018**. Council Member Daniel Sohn offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption. The Motion was seconded by Council Member Lawrence Gordon and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

JAY G. FOY, MAYOR	AYE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NAY <input type="checkbox"/>
LAWRENCE GORDON, VICE MAYOR	AYE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NAY <input type="checkbox"/>
MARK C. UPTGRAPH, COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NAY <input type="checkbox"/>
REMAR M. HARVIN, COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NAY <input type="checkbox"/>
DANIEL H. SOHN, COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NAY <input type="checkbox"/>

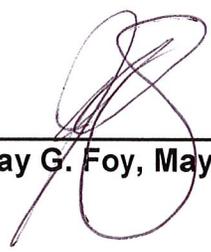
The Mayor thereupon declared this Resolution approved and duly adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Haverhill, Florida on this 12th day of July, 2018.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF HAVERHILL, FLORIDA



Janice C. Rutan, Town Admin.



Jay G. Foy, Mayor

