

## RESOLUTION NO. 18-R46

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, **CONCERNING AMENDMENT 1** TO THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION, WHICH, IF ADOPTED, WOULD CREATE ADDITIONAL INEQUITIES IN FLORIDA'S TAX SYSTEM BY GRANTING CERTAIN TAX BREAKS TO SOME TAXPAYERS AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHER TAXPAYERS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

**WHEREAS**, a proposed constitutional amendment sponsored by the Florida Legislature will be placed on the 2018 general election ballot as "Amendment 1"; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposed constitutional change exempts the assessed valuation of homestead property greater than \$100,000 and up to \$125,000 for all levies other than school district levies; and

**WHEREAS**, Amendment 1 is expected to cost \$644.7 million per year—resulting in either service reductions or tax hikes; and

**WHEREAS**, local communities may be forced to increase local property tax rates to offset revenue reductions; and

**WHEREAS**, changing local property taxes should be done locally, not through a constitutional amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, instead of fixing Florida's complicated tax system, Amendment 1 makes it more complicated and less fair; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida's tax system should work for all homeowners, not just a few; and

**WHEREAS**, most of Amendment 1's benefits go to only a handful of homeowners; and

**WHEREAS**, Amendment 1 exposes local businesses to a much higher tax burden; and

**WHEREAS**, this one-size-fits-all scheme is made to look like a tax cut but it is really a tax shift that will further disenchant millions of already-skeptical Florida voters.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** That the City of Fort Pierce will evaluate the impact Amendment 1 may have on its property taxes.

**Section 2.** That the City of Fort Pierce urges its residents to carefully consider the potential adverse consequences of Amendment 1 before voting in the November 2018 general elections.

**Section 3.** That a copy of this resolution be provided to the Florida League of Cities, Inc. and other interested parties.

**Section 5.** This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, this Resolution has been duly adopted on this 1st day of October, 2018.

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Linda Hudson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Linda W. Cox, City Clerk

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Approved as to Form  
And Correctness:

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