

## RESOLUTION 2017-02

### A RESOLUTION OF THE DEFUNIAK SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL, SUPPORTING THE APPOINTMENT OF FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES PRESIDENT, BOCA RATON MAYOR SUSAN HAYNIE TO THE CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 of Article XI of the Florida Constitution establishes and describes the duties, powers, structure, and function of the Constitution Revision Commission (CRC); and

**WHEREAS**, the CRC meets every 20 years, is next scheduled to meet in 2017 for the third time in the State's history, and will review and recommend changes to Florida's constitution that will appear on the 2018 General Election ballot for the consideration of Florida's voters; and

**WHEREAS**, the CRC is comprised of 37 members: the Attorney General of Florida, fifteen members appointed by the Governor, nine members appointed by the Speaker of the House, nine members appointed by the Senate President, and three members appointed by the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest League of Cities, Inc. was created to provide a forum for Northwest Florida to jointly study problems faced by Florida's municipalities and to work cooperatively for the general improvement and efficient administration of Florida's municipalities by exchanging ideas, experiences and best practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest League of Cities serves as a complementary organization to the Florida League of Cities, Inc. (FLOC) and

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest League of Cities and the FLOC believe local self-government is the keystone to American democracy and constitutional municipal home rule authority should be protected and expanded; and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities are the only optional form of government, created primarily to serve the needs and desires of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities are the governments closest to the people and are governed by the citizens who have distinguished themselves as public servants; and

**WHEREAS**, the more than 2,000 municipal elected officials, representing the 412 cities that comprise the FLOC and account for more than 10 million Floridians, recognize the CRC will weigh in on a variety of proposals that potentially affect municipal home rule authority and the ability of city officials to respond to the needs and conveniences of their citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest League of Cities and FLOC find it is necessary to have municipal representation on the CRC to ensure that local perspectives and concerns are adequately voiced before the CRC; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DEFUNIAK SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL:**

**SECTION 1.** The DeFuniak Springs City Council respectfully requests that Governor Rick Scott, Florida House Speaker Richard

Corcoran, and Florida Senate President Joe Negron appoint municipal elected officials to serve on the 2017-18 Constitution Revision Commission (CRC).

**SECTION 2.** The DeFuniak Springs City Council supports the appointment of Florida League of Cities President, Boca Raton Mayor Susan Haynie, as a member of the 2017-18 CRC.

**SECTION 3.** The DeFuniak Springs City Council urges the CRC to adopt proposals that protect municipal home rule authority and restrict unfunded state mandates.

**SECTION 4.** A copy of this Resolution shall be provided to Governor Rick Scott, Florida House Speaker Richard Corcoran, and Florida Senate President Joe Negron, and the Chair of the CRC (once designated).

**SECTION 5.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the DeFuniak Springs City Council at regular meeting assembled this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk Loretta Laird  
DeFuniak Springs, Florida

  
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Mayor Robert "Bob" Campbell  
DeFuniak Springs, Florida