

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
DeFUNIAK SPRINGS, FLORIDA, URGING ALL MEMBERS  
OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO OPPOSE HB 17 AND  
SB 1158 WHICH PREEMPTS LOCAL BUSINESS REGULATIONS,  
PROHIBITS LOCAL GOVERNMENT FROM IMPOSING OR  
ADOPTING ANY NEW REGULATIONS ON BUSINESSES  
UNLESS EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZED BY THE LEGISLATURE;  
DIRECTING THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO TRANSMIT  
A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE NORTHWEST  
FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES,  
THE BILL SPONSORS, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES;  
AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, Cities are voluntarily created and chartered by their citizens as the embodiment of local self-determination; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1968, Florida voters amended the state constitution to confer broad "Home Rule" powers to municipal government, under Article VIII, Section 2(b); and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities have the power to act for any valid municipal purpose except as prohibited by law; and

**WHEREAS**, a municipality's ability to timely act on local problems and opportunities will be limited by HB 17 and SB 1158 to a state Legislature that holds session only once a year, and whose ability to address local problems will be contingent on the relative effectiveness of its representative in the state Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, HB 17 and SB 1158 contradicts the will of the people of Florida, who expressed an unequivocal desire for broad Home Rule powers in their state constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, HB 17 and SB 1158 undercut the intent of municipal citizens, who voted to incorporate their communities and exercise the broad Home Rule powers granted by the Florida Constitution to govern themselves and, thereby, effectively address the unique concerns of their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, HB 17 and SB 1158 could impair municipal charter provisions specifically adopted and approved by local voters to define their preferred form of self-government and safeguard issues of perennial importance to their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, state legislators may find themselves spending increasing amounts of time arbitrating over local problems and legislating on local issues, and less time attending to pressing statewide needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council believes the opposition of HB 17 and SB 1158 would be in the best interests of the residents and businesses of the City of DeFuniak Springs and the State of Florida.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
DeFUNIAK SPRINGS, FLORIDA, THAT:**

**Section 1.** The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 2.** The City Council of the City of DeFuniak Springs urges all members of the Florida Legislature to oppose the adoption of HB 17 and SB 1158.

**Section 3.** All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith, be and the same are repealed to the extent of such conflict.


**Section 4.** If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of contempt jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

**Section 5. Transmittal of Resolution**

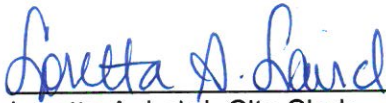
Upon City Council approval of this Resolution, the adopted Resolution will be forwarded to the Northwest Florida League of Cities, the Florida League of Cities, the bill sponsors, and any other interested parties.

**Section 6. Effective Date**

This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption by City Council and signature of the Mayor.

  
Robert "Bob" Campbell, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Loretta A. Laird, City Clerk

Approved for form, legal sufficiency

  
Clayton J. M. Adkinson