

CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, URGING THE BROWARD COUNTY COMMISSION TO COOPERATE AND WORK WITH THE CITY OF MARGATE AND ALL LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES IN RESOLVING THE CURRENT INFRASTRUCTURE CRISIS FACING CITIES IN BROWARD COUNTY; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO FORWARD THIS RESOLUTION TO THE BROWARD COUNTY COMMISSION, COUTNY CLERK AND COUNTY ATTORNEY, AND ALL MAYORS AND CITY ATTORNEYS OF BROWARD MUNICIPALITIES.

WHEREAS, 94 percent of Broward County municipalities recently enacted resolutions seeking to have a referendum question placed on the November 2016 ballot allowing the voters of Broward County to decide whether a one cent infrastructure tax should be added to the sales tax collected on applicable sales, to be used by local municipalities, including the City of Margate, for much needed infrastructure improvements that would benefit the residents of Broward County; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities have asked the County Commission to place certain ballot language on the November 2016 ballot that would have provided a one cent per dollar infrastructure sales tax that, if passed, would help alleviate the dire infrastructure needs throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, there have been recent discussions in County Commission public meetings as well as at a "Workshop" in which the cities' request has been discussed and met with much resistance and perceived animosity; and

WHEREAS, there appears to be an atmosphere of distrust and lack of cooperation that, if allowed to continue, will likely result in the defeat of any measures sought by the County and cities that would benefit those residents whom we are charged to serve, thus resulting in a great disservice to our residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Margate urges the Broward County Commission to set aside any petty differences that may exist between it and the local municipalities and to cooperate with the cities, including Margate, in allowing the cities to place the ballot language that has been carefully considered and drafted BY THE CITIES for inclusion on the November 2016 ballot that, if approved, will help alleviate some of the burdens that all governmental entities face in declining and failing infrastructure, capital needs, and other statutorily permitted uses of such tax dollars.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1: That the foregoing "**WHEREAS**" clauses are ratified and confirmed and are made a part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2: That on June 1, 2016, the City Commission of the City of Margate, Florida, by unanimous vote, resolved to urge the Broward County Commission to adopt an attitude of cooperation for the benefit of the residents we all serve, and work with the cities by allowing the cities to place their carefully considered and drafted ballot language for a one cent infrastructure tax on the November 2016 ballot, thereby allowing the voters of Broward County to decide whether such a tax is in the best interest of the residents of our communities.

SECTION 3: That the City Clerk is authorized to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Broward County Commission, the County Clerk and County Attorney, as well as all Mayors and City Attorneys in Broward County.

SECTION 4: That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS ____ day of _____, 2016.

ATTEST:

JOSEPH J. KAVANAGH
CITY CLERK

MAYOR TOMMY RUZZANO

RECORD OF VOTE

Simone	_____
Peerman	_____
Talerico	_____
Bryan	_____
Ruzzano	_____