

CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA REAFFIRMING THE CITY'S SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 932 AND HOUSE BILL 715 PROVIDING FOR THE ABILITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO LEVY A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA SPONSORED BY SENATOR PERRY E. THURSTON, JR. AND REPRESENTATIVE BARRINGTON A. RUSSELL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 170.201, Fla. Stat., currently authorizes municipalities to levy special assessments for certain services, including but not limited to emergency medical services, garbage disposal, sewer improvement, and fire protection, among others; and

WHEREAS, police services are not expressly listed in the Section 170.201, Fla. Stat., as one of the services that may be funded through special assessments; and

WHEREAS, police services generally comprise a substantial percentage of a local government's operating budget; and

WHEREAS, municipalities face increasing costs of operating and providing of police services; and

WHEREAS, due to the necessity of providing police services, coupled with the increasing difficulty of municipalities to fund these services, the City Commission of the City of Margate (the "City") supports the ability of municipalities to levy a special assessment for law enforcement services; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has determined it is in the best interest of the residents of the City to support Senate Bill 932, sponsored by Senator Perry E. Thurston, Jr. and House Bill 715, sponsored by Representative Barrington A. Russell, and encourages all cities in the State of Florida to show their support for these bills.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Commission of the City of Margate Florida:

Section 1: That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are confirmed and ratified as being true and correct and are incorporated herein.

Section 2: The City Commission of the City of Margate Florida reaffirms its support of Senate Bill 932 and House Bill 715 providing for the ability of local governments to levy a special assessment for law enforcement services in the State of Florida.

Section 3: That the City Clerk is directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Florida, all members of the Florida Legislature, each municipality in Broward County, the Broward League of Cities, the Florida League of Cities, and the Broward County Board of County Commissioners.

Section 4: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS _____ day of _____, 2017.

ATTEST:

JOSEPH J. KAVANAGH
CITY CLERK

MAYOR TOMMY RUZZANO

RECORD OF VOTE

Caggiano	_____
Simone	_____
Peerman	_____
Schwartz	_____
Ruzzano	_____