

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO VOTE AGAINST HB 13, AND SB 1770 THAT WOULD AMEND PART III, CHAPTER 163, FLORIDA STATUTES, AS SUCH ACTS WOULD REDUCE THE ABILITY AND FLEXIBILITY OF COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES IN ACCOMPLISHING THEIR REDEVELOPMENT TASKS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, House Bill 13 and Senate Bill 1770, 2017 legislative session (the "Bills"), apply to community redevelopment agencies ("CRAs"); and

WHEREAS, CRAs are community redevelopment programs designed to eliminate slum and/or blight conditions, and enhance lifestyle and business conditions for residents and business owners in a community redevelopment area; and

WHEREAS, CRAs throughout the state have demonstrated that the use of Tax Increment funding dramatically improved economic and social conditions within the targeted areas, with outcomes that have benefitted redevelopment areas, cities and counties; and

WHEREAS, HB 13 and SB 1770 would significantly revise the manner and process under which city-created CRAs operate in carrying out redevelopment and policy making for that purpose under state law. These changes would unduly restrict the ability of municipalities to create and continue to operate community redevelopment agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Bills would prohibit the creation of any new community redevelopment agencies after July 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Bills would disallow any new CRA projects or financing after October 1, 2017, and would greatly restrict allowable expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Bills would lead to existing community redevelopment agencies being hampered in their efforts to implement their redevelopment plans, and increase challenges to CRAs, their creation, and operations.

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

SECTION 1: The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated in this Resolution.

SECTION 2: The City Commission of the City of Margate urges all members of the Florida Legislature to oppose the adoption of HB13 and SB 1770.

SECTION 3: The City Commission further directs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Broward County League of Cities, the Florida League of Cities, the Broward County Legislative Delegation, and any other interested parties.

SECTION 5: 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 6: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

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	_____