

CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE,
FLORIDA, HONORING FIFTY YEARS OF
MUNICIPAL HOME RULE IN THE FLORIDA
CONSTITUTION AND COMMITTING TO AN
EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE TO HELP
FLORIDIANS UNDERSTAND THIS BENEFICIAL
RIGHT.

BE IS RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE,
FLORIDA:

WHEREAS, Florida's voters placed municipal Home Rule powers
into the Florida Constitution on November 5, 1968, during the
regular elections as an amendment to Article VIII; and

WHEREAS, this power has enabled each city, town and village
across the Sunshine State to consider, adopt, revise or remove its
own laws without the need to seek legislative permission from the
State and has further served as the foundation upon which every
municipality builds its governmental structure; and

WHEREAS, the political climate within the Florida Legislature
has recently included many attacks on these powers; and

WHEREAS, grassroots measures calling such actions wrong and
declaring that local decisions be made at the local level by local
officials must continue so that all legislators clearly understand
Florida's Home Rule as a constitutional power and one upheld in
State Statutes; and

WHEREAS, a 50th anniversary is a fitting time for all
municipalities to engage their respective citizens to educate them
about the Florida Constitution and local laws, so that all
Floridians may continue to receive the many benefits of Home Rule.

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

SECTION 1: That this anniversary presents a tremendous
opportunity to educate all citizens about Florida's Constitution,

municipal government and Home Rule authority, and that all necessary resources shall be provided for such public information.

SECTION 2: That the City of Margate, Florida, will actively challenge all efforts to reduce or erode this cherished right and further employ all efforts to ensure state and federal government partners understand that a one-size-fits-all approach to governance is not in the interests of Florida citizens.

SECTION 3: That the tradition of local decision-making in Florida is essential to protect, as it provides each municipality the ability to preserve and enhance the myriad characteristics that make each one uniquely special and that maintains its quality of life.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS _____ day of _____, 2018.

ATTEST:

JOSEPH J. KAVANAGH
CITY CLERK

MAYOR ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ

RECORD OF VOTE

Peerman	_____
Simone	_____
Ruzzano	_____
Caggiano	_____
Schwartz	_____