

CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, OPPOSING SENATE BILL 1174, RELATING TO LOCAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES TAX RATES; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, First, on December 9, 2019, Florida Senator Travis Hutson filed Senate Bill 1174, reducing the local communications sales tax to 5% or less by January 1, 2021 and 4% or less by January 1, 2022, and repealing the local option sales surtax conversion that is levied on communication services; and

WHEREAS, Second, the communications services tax is a vital source of revenue for cities including funding police, fire and other important municipal services; and

WHEREAS, Third, if passed Senate Bill 1174 would reduce local revenues by \$190 million statewide; and

WHEREAS, Fourth, Senate Bill 1174 if passed, would significantly reduce such revenues that municipalities rely upon, placing a greater burden on other revenue sources, including, ad valorem property taxes; and

WHEREAS, Fifth, the City Commission opposes Senate Bill 1174; and

WHEREAS, Sixth, the City Commission believes it is in the best interest of the City to approve this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Margate, Florida:

Section 1: The foregoing recitals contained in the preamble to this Resolution are incorporated by reference herein.

Section 2: The City Commission opposes Senate Bill 1174.

Section 3: The City Clerk is directed to distribute this

Resolution to the Florida Governor, the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, the Broward County Legislative Delegation, the Florida League of Cities, the Florida Association of Counties, the Florida City County Management Association, the Board of County Commissioners for Broward County, the Broward County League of Cities, and each of the municipalities in Broward County.

Section 4: The appropriate City officials are authorized to execute all necessary documents and to take any necessary action to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

Section 5: This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_day of\_\_\_\_\_2020.

ATTEST:

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JOSEPH J. KAVANAGH  
CITY CLERK

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MAYOR TOMMY RUZZANO

RECORD OF VOTE

Caggiano	_____
Simone	_____
Arserio	_____
Schwartz	_____
Ruzzano	_____

