

CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA, OPPOSING SENATE BILL 1302, RELATING TO SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, First, on December 19, 2019, Florida Senator Anitere Flores filed Senate Bill 1302, increasing the per occurrence limits on the collectability of judgments against government entities from \$300,000 to \$500,000 and eliminating the \$200,000 per claimant limit; and

WHEREAS, Second, the new limits would apply to lawsuits that have not been adjudicated before the effective date of Senate Bill 1302, therefore, making the new higher monetary limits retroactive; and

WHEREAS, Third, if passed Senate Bill 1302 would force local governments to increase property taxes to pay for the higher liability amounts, the likely increase in the number of lawsuits filed against government entities and higher insurance premiums; and

WHEREAS, Fourth, the City Commission opposes Senate Bill 1302; and

WHEREAS, Fifth, 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 1302.

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	_____