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RESOLUTION NO. 2018-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, 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; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Florida’s voters placed municipal Home Rule powers into the Florida Constitution on November 5, 1968; and

WHEREAS, this power has enabled each city, town and village across the State of Florida to consider, adopt, revise or repeal its own laws, policies, procedures, regulations and rules 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, the 50th anniversary of Florida Municipal Home Rule Powers 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 VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The foregoing “Whereas” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

Section 2. The 50th anniversary of Florida Municipal Home Rule Power presents a tremendous opportunity to educate all citizens about Florida’s Constitution, municipal government and Home Rule Power, and the Village of Biscayne Park will use all appropriate resources to educate the Village’s residents about the benefits of Home Rule Power.

Section 3. The Village of Biscayne Park 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.

