

RESOLUTION NO. 129-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA, CONCERNING AMENDMENT 1 TO THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION, WHICH, IF ADOPTED, WOULD CREATE ADDITIONAL INEQUITIES IN FLORIDA'S TAX SYSTEM BY GRANTING CERTAIN TAX BREAKS TO SOME TAXPAYERS AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHER TAXPAYERS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, a proposed constitutional amendment sponsored by the Florida Legislature will be placed on the 2018 general election ballot as "Amendment 1"; and

WHEREAS, this proposed constitutional change exempts the assessed valuation of homestead property greater than \$100,000 and up to \$125,000 for all levies other than school district levies; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 1 is expected to cost \$644.7 million per year—resulting in either service reductions or tax hikes; and

WHEREAS, local communities may be forced to increase local property tax rates to offset revenue reductions; and

WHEREAS, changing local property taxes should be done locally, not through a constitutional amendment; and

WHEREAS, instead of fixing Florida's complicated tax system, Amendment 1 makes it more complicated and less fair; and

WHEREAS, Florida's tax system should work for all homeowners, not just a few; and

WHEREAS, most of Amendment 1's benefits go to only a handful of homeowners; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 1 exposes local businesses to a much higher tax burden; and

WHEREAS, this one-size-fits-all scheme is made to look like a tax cut but it is really a tax shift that will further disenchant millions of already-skeptical Florida voters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the foregoing recitals are hereby confirmed and ratified.

Section 2. That the City of Delray Beach urges its residents to carefully consider the potential

adverse consequences of Amendment 1 before voting in the November 2018 general election.

Section 3. That all Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 4. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Shelly Petrolia, Mayor

ATTEST:

Katerri Johnson, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY.

R. Max Lohman, City Attorney