

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, URGING ALL MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO OPPOSE HB 17 AND SB 1158 WHICH PREEMPTS LOCAL BUSINESS REGULATIONS, PROHIBITS LOCAL GOVERNMENT FROM IMPOSING OR ADOPTING ANY NEW REGULATIONS ON BUSINESSES UNLESS EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZED BY THE LEGISLATURE; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO TRANSMIT A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, THE GULF COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, THE BILL SPONSORS, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Cities are voluntarily created and chartered by their citizens as the embodiment of local self-determination; and

WHEREAS, In 1968, Florida voters amended the state constitution to confer broad "Home Rule" powers to municipal government, under Article VII, Section 2(b); and

WHEREAS, a municipality's ability to timely act on local problems and opportunities will be limited by HB 17 and SB 1158 to a state legislature that holds session only once a year, and whose ability to address local problems will be contingent on the relative effectiveness of its representative in the state legislature; and

WHEREAS, HB 17 and SB 1158 contradicts the will of the people of Florida, who expressed an unequivocal desire for broad Home Rule powers in their state constitution; and

WHEREAS, HB 17 and SB 1158 undercut the intent of municipal citizens, who voted to incorporate their communities and exercise the broad Home Rule powers granted by the Florida Constitution to govern themselves and, thereby, effectively address the unique concerns of their communities; and

WHEREAS, HB 17 and SB 1158 could impair municipal charter provisions specifically adopted and approved by local voters to define their preferred form of self-government and safeguard issues of perennial importance to their communities; and

WHEREAS, state legislators may find themselves spending increasing amounts of time arbitrating over local problems and legislating on local issues, and less time attending to pressing statewide needs; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission believes the opposition of HB 17 and SB1158 would be in the best interests of the residents and businesses of the City of Port St. Joe and the State of Florida.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA, THAT:

SECTION 1. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

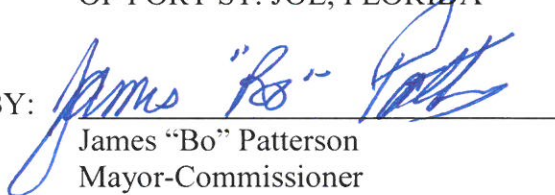
SECTION 2. The City Commission of the City of Port St. Joe urges all members of the Florida Legislature to oppose the adoption of HB 17 and SB 1158.

SECTION 3. All resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith, are repealed to the extent of such conflict.


SECTION 4. This Resolution No. 2017-04 shall be effective on April 18, 2017.

CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY
OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

BY:


James "Bo" Patterson
Mayor-Commissioner

ATTEST:

By: 
Charlotte M. Pierce
Auditor / Clerk