

Resolution 16-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FLORIDA, URGING THE APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS TO THE 2017-2018 CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMISSION; SUPPORTING THE PROTECTION OF THE MUNICIPAL HOME RULE; SUPPORTING THE POSITIONS OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.; SUPPORTING THE APPOINTMENT OF FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES PRESIDENT, BOCA RATON MAYOR SUSAN HAYNIE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Article XI of the Florida Constitution establishes and describes duties, powers, structure and function of the Constitution Revision Commission (CRC); and

WHEREAS, the CRC meets every 20 years, is next scheduled to meet in 2017 for the third time in the States' history, and will review and recommend changes to the Florida's Constitution that may appear on the 2018 General Election ballot for the consideration of Florida's voters; and

WHEREAS, the CRC is comprised of 37 members: the Attorney General of Florida, fifteen members appointed by the Governor, nine members appointed by the Speaker of the House, nine members appointed by the Senate President, and three members appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, the City of the Springfield is a member of the Florida League of Cities, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, The Florida League of Cities, Inc. (FLC), was created in 1922 to work for the general improvements of its members, Florida's municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, the FLC believes local self-government is the keystone to American democracy and constitutional municipal home rule authority should be protected and expanded; and

WHEREAS, municipalities are the governments closest to the people and are governed by the citizens who have distinguished themselves as public servants; and

WHEREAS, the more than 2,000 municipal elected officials, representing the 412 cities that compromise the FLC and account for more than 10 millions Floridians, recognize the CRC will weigh in on a variety of proposals that potentially affect municipal home rule authority and the ability of city officials to respond to the needs and conveniences of their citizens; and

WHEREAS, the FLC finds it is necessary to have municipal representation on the CRC to ensure that local perspectives and concerns are adequately voiced before the CRC; and

WHEREAS, the City of Springfield supports the positions of the FLC relating to municipal representation on the CRC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF THE SPRINGFIELD COMMISSION:

Section 1 The City of Springfield City Commission respectfully requests that Governor Rick Scott, Florida House Speaker Richard Corcoran, and Florida Senate President Joe Negron appoint municipal elected officials to serve on the 2017-2018 Constitution Revision Commission (CRC).

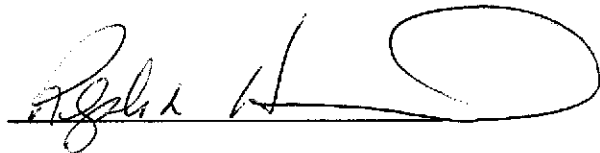
Section 2. The City of the Springfield City Commission supports the appointment of Florida League of Cities President, Boca Raton Mayor Susan Haynie, as a member of the 2017-18 CRC.

Section 3. The City of Springfield urges the CRC to adopt proposals that protect municipal home rule authority and restrict unfunded state mandates.

Section 4. A copy of this resolution shall be provided to Governor Rick Scott, Florida House Speaker Richard Corcoran, and Florida Senate President Joe Negron and the Chair of the CRC (once designated).

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Springfield, Florida at a regular meeting assembled this 3rd day of JANUARY, 2017.



Mayor, Ralph Hammond