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**VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018 - 08**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE  
VILLAGE OF ESTERO, 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 AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Florida's voters placed municipal Home Rule powers into the Florida Constitution on November 5, 1968, during the regular elections as an amendment to Article VIII; and

**WHEREAS**, this power has enabled each city, town and village across the Sunshine State to consider, adopt, revise or remove its own laws 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**, a 50th anniversary 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 Council of the Village of Estero, Florida:

**Section 1.** That this anniversary presents a tremendous opportunity to educate all citizens about Florida's Constitution, municipal government and Home Rule authority, and that all necessary resources shall be provided for such public information.

**Section 2.** That the Village of Estero 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.

45        **Section 3.**    That the tradition of local decision-making in Florida is essential to  
46 protect, as it provides each municipality the ability to preserve and enhance the myriad  
47 characteristics that make each one uniquely special and that maintains its quality of life.  
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49        **Section 4.**    That the Village of Estero will include this information on its website, as  
50 a regular agenda item for public discussion and within the Village of Estero services in as  
51 many outreach venues as possible.  
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53        **Section 5.**    This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.  
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55        **ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL** of the Village of Estero, Florida this  
56 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018.  
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58    Attest:

**VILLAGE OF ESTERO, FLORIDA**

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61    By: Kathy Hall  
62        Kathy Hall, MMC, Village Clerk  
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By: James R. Boesch  
James R. Boesch, Mayor  
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65    Reviewed for legal sufficiency:

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68    By: Burt Saunders  
69        Burt Saunders, Esq., Village Attorney