

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, URGING THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO AMEND CHAPTER 75-350, AS AMENDED, AND URGING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA TO AMEND SECTIONS 11-21, 11-22, 11-23 AND 11-26 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN SUCH MANNER AS WOULD AFFORD MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA THE OPTION OF SCHEDULING AND CONDUCTING THEIR GENERAL ELECTIONS ON DATES CONTEMPORANEOUS WITH COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL ELECTIONS, AND DIRECTING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO SEEK TO PROCURE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN BROWARD COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Chapter 75-350, as amended by Chapters 76-336 and 77-507 mandate that all general elections relating to a municipal office held in a municipality in Broward County shall be held on the second Tuesday in March of the calendar year; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-23 of the Code of Ordinances of Broward County, Florida mandates that municipal general elections be conducted on the second Tuesday in March; and

WHEREAS, in order to amend the election date requirements of Section 11-23, it is necessary to amend Sections 11-21, 11-22 and 11-26 of the Code of Ordinances of Broward County; and

WHEREAS, municipal general elections within the Town of Davie, Florida conducted on the second Tuesday in March have historically resulted in significantly lower voter turnout and participation than in those elections conducted contemporaneously with county, state and federal elections; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Davie, Florida remains committed to the democratic ideal of increasing public participation in the political process, including seeking to increase the level and percentage of voter turnout in its municipal general elections; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Davie, Florida has determined that changing the dates for its municipal general elections to coincide with county, state and federal elections would result in a higher probability of increased voter turnout; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Davie, Florida urges other municipalities within Broward County to join with it in efforts to procure amendment of Chapter 75-350, as amended, in such manner as would afford municipalities within Broward County the option of conducting their municipal general elections on dates which have historically demonstrated higher voter turnout than the second Tuesday in March; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Davie, Florida urges other municipalities within Broward County to join with it in efforts to procure amendment of Sections 11-21, 11-22, 11-23 and 11-26 of the Code of Ordinances of Broward County, Florida , in such manner as would afford municipalities within Broward County the option of conducting their municipal general elections on dates which have historically demonstrated higher voter turnout than the second Tuesday in March.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA.

SECTION 1. The Town Council of the Town of Davie, Florida strongly urges the Florida Legislature to take all actions necessary to amend Chapter 75-350, as amended by Chapters 76-336 and 77-507, in such manner as would authorize any municipality within Broward County, Florida, including the Town of Davie, to continue to conduct their municipal general elections on the second Tuesday in March and/or on the same dates as county, state and federal elections.

SECTION 2. The Town Council of the Town of Davie, Florida strongly urges the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, Florida to take all actions necessary to amend Sections 11-21, 11-22, 11-23 and 11-26 of the Code of Ordinances of Broward County, Florida in such manner as would authorize any municipality within Broward County, Florida, including the Town of Davie, to continue to conduct their municipal general elections on the second Tuesday in March and/or on the same dates as county, state and federal elections.

SECTION 3. The Town Council of the Town of Davie, Florida hereby directs the Town Administrator to contact all municipalities situated throughout Broward County,

Florida, to seek their support and assistance in procuring such legislative action from the Florida Legislature and the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, Florida.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 1999.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 1999