

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 URGING 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 shall cause a copy of this resolution to be forwarded to all other municipalities situated throughout Broward County, Florida in order to seek their support and assistance in attempting to procure such legislative amendments by the State of Florida and 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

ELECTION	VOTERS	BALLOTS	VOTER %	POSITIONS AND ISSUES
3/13/90	18937	2975	15.71%	35 Referenda
3/21/91	21210	2524	11.90%	2 Council Positions
3/10/92	20244	6955	34.38%	1 Charter Amendment/3 Referenda Presidential Preferences/1 Council Position
3/8/94	23965	2230	9.31%	1 Council Position/1 Charter Amendment
3/14/95	26855	4063	15.13%	Districts 2, 3 and 4
3/11/97	33534	2646	7.89%	21 Charter Amendments/Mayor/District 1
3/10/98	33300	4333	13.01%	Districts 2, 3 and 4
3/9/99	34485	1068	3.10%	Library Bond Referendum/Straw Ballot - County Commission Structure
11/8/90	19924	9918	49.78%	1 Charter Amendment/1 Bond Referendum (Huck Liles) State, 4 Fla. Const. Amend./1 County Charter Amend.
11/3/92	25621	20139	78.60%	President/Congress/State Reps. County/School Bd./Const. Ofc./10 Const. State Amendments
11/8/94	26961	15209	56.41%	Congress/Gubernatorial/State Const. Ofc. State Reps./County/School Bd. 8 State Const. Amendments
9/19/95	30093	5008	16.64%	One-Cent Sales Surtax
9/3/96	31903	3899	12.22%	1 Bond Referendum (Police/Fire/EMS)
11/5/96	32834	19706	60.02%	President/Congress/State Reps. County/Const. Ofc./9 Charter Amends./6 State Const. Amendments
11/3/98	36097	15279	42.33%	State/County/2 Davie Charter Amendments/Bond Referendum (Parks)

AVERAGE MARCH
VOTER TURNOUT
13.80%

AVERAGE MARCH
VOTER TURNOUT
WITH 9/19/95 & 9/3/96
13.93%

AVERAGE MARCH
VOTER TURNOUT
WITHOUT 3/10/92
9.53%

AVERAGE MARCH
VOTER TURNOUT
WITHOUT 3/10/92 &
WITH 9/19/95 & 9/3/96
11.66%

AVERAGE NON-MARCH
VOTER TURNOUT
45.14%

AVERAGE NON-MARCH
VOTER TURNOUT
W/O 9/19/95 & 9/3/96
57.43%

AVERAGE NON-MARCH
VOTER TURNOUT
WITH 3/10/92
43.79%

AVERAGE MARCH
VOTER TURNOUT
WITH 3/10/92 &
W/O 9/19/95 & 9/3/96
53.58%