

TOWN OF CALLAHAN, FLORIDA  
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-R21

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CALLAHAN, FLORIDA CONCERNING AMENDMENT 1 TO THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION, WHICH, IF ADOPTED, WOULD CREATE ADDITIONAL INEQUITIES IN FLORIDA'S TAX SYSTEM BY GRANTING CERTAIN TAX BREAKS TO SOME TAXPAYERS AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHER TAXPAYERS; AND FINDING A PUBLIC PURPOSE

WHEREAS a proposed constitutional amendment sponsored by the Florida Legislature will be placed on the 2018 general election ballot as "Amendment 1";

WHEREAS this proposed constitutional change exempts the assessed valuation of homestead property greater than \$100,000 and up to \$125,000 for all levies other than school district levies;

WHEREAS Amendment 1 is expected to cost \$644.7 million per year, resulting in either service reductions or tax hike;

WHEREAS local communities may be forced to increase local property tax rates to offset revenue reductions;

WHEREAS changing local property taxes should be done locally, not through a constitutional amendment;

WHEREAS instead of fixing Florida's complicated tax system, Amendment 1 makes it more complicated and less fair;

WHEREAS Florida's tax system should work for all homeowners, not just a few;

WHEREAS most of Amendment 1's benefits go to only a handful of homeowners;

WHEREAS Amendment 1 exposes local businesses to a much higher tax burden;

WHEREAS this one-size-fits-all scheme is made to look like a tax cut but it is really a tax shift that will further disenchant millions of already-skeptical Florida voters.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CALLAHAN, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That the Town of Callahan believes Amendment 1 will have a negative impact on its property taxes.

Section 2. That the Town of Callahan urges its residents to carefully consider the potential adverse consequences of Amendment 1 before voting in the November 2018 general election.

Section 3. That a copy of this resolution be provided to the Florida League of Cities, Inc. and other interested parties.

INTRODUCED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018.

TOWN OF CALLAHAN, FLORIDA

  
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Ken Bass, Town Council President

ATTEST:

  
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Stephanie Knagge, Town Clerk

APPROVED:

  
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Robert Rau, Mayor