RESOLUTION 02-2018

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MALABAR, BREVARD COUNTY, 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; PROVIDING A CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Florida’s tax system should work for all homeowners, and most of Amendment 1’s benefits go to only a handful of homeowners; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 1 exposes local businesses to a much higher tax burden, and 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 Malabar, Florida:

SECTION 1. The Town of Malabar will evaluate the impact Amendment 1 will have on its property taxes.

SECTION 2. The Town of Malabar urges its residents to carefully consider the potential adverse consequences of Amendment 1 before voting in the November 2018 general election.

SECTION 3. A copy of this resolution will be provided to the Florida League of Cities and other interested parties.
SECTION 4. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5.
This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was moved for adoption by Council Member [White]. The motion was seconded by Council Member [Rivet] and, upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Council Member Grant Ball  
Council Member Laura Mahoney  
Council Member Steve Rivet  
Council Member Dick Korn  
Council Member Danny White

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council, Town of Malabar, Brevard County, Florida this 7th day of March, 2018.

BY: TOWN OF MALABAR

Patrick T. Reilly
Mayor Patrick T. Reilly, Council Chair

ATTEST:

Debby K. Franklin, C.M.C.  
Town Clerk/Treasurer

(seal)

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency by:

Karl W. Bohne, Jr.  
Town Attorney

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