

**RESOLUTION 09-2018  
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF HOME RULE**

**A RESOLUTION OF TOWN OF MALABAR HONORING FIFTY YEARS OF MUNICIPAL HOME RULE IN THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION AND COMMITTING TO AN EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE TO HELP FLORIDIANS UNDERSTAND THIS BENEFICIAL RIGHT; 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 TOWN OF MALABAR:**

**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 Town of Malabar 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.

**Section 3.** That the tradition of local decision-making in Florida is essential to protect, as it provides each municipality the ability to preserve and enhance the myriad characteristics that make each one uniquely special and that maintains its quality of life.

**Section 4.** That the Town of Malabar will include this information on its website, as a regular agenda item for public discussion and within the (municipality's name) services in as many outreach venues as possible.

**Section 5.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption. This Resolution was moved for adoption by Council Member Korn. This motion was seconded by Council Member White and, upon being put to vote, the vote was as follows:

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

This Resolution was then declared to be duly passed and adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 2018.

**TOWN OF MALABAR**

By:

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Mayor Patrick T. Reilly,  
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