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RESOLUTION NO. 2014-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES AND LEGISLATION THAT PROTECTS GENERAL REVENUES COLLECTED UNDER THE COMMUNICATION SERVICES TAX; OPPOSING SENATE BILL 266; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION BY THE VILLAGE CLERK; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. [Sponsored by Mayor Shelley Stanczyk].

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Village Council desire to establish their legislative agenda items and to express their concerns as to State legislative items; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Village Council support the efforts of the Florida League of Cities as to the support of legislation that protect general revenues collection from the communication services tax; and,

WHEREAS, in 2001, the Florida Legislature created the Communication Services Simplification Act, which restructured taxes on telecommunications, cable, direct-to-home satellite and related services; and

WHEREAS, the law replaced and consolidated seven different state and local taxes and fees into a single tax that is composed of two parts, the state Communication Services Tax and the local Communication Services Tax (CST); and,

WHEREAS, the local Communication Services Tax is one of the main sources of general revenue for municipalities, generating nearly \$435 million every year for cities and counties; and,

WHEREAS, the Village is budgeted to receive \$1,431,819 from these taxes; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 266 (Hukill) would reduce the state CST and direct-to-home satellite rate by two percent. While this does not include a reduction to the local CST rate, it would negatively impact municipalities due to the distribution of some of the revenues to local governments; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Palmetto Bay supports the Florida League of Cities, and urges the legislature not to enact Senate Bill 266.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified as true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

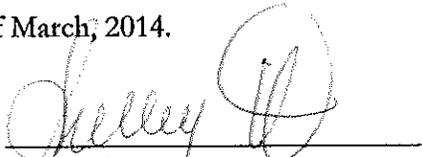
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2       **Section 2.**     The Village hereby files its support of the legislative priority of the Florida  
3 League of Cities as it relates to the Communications Services Tax and its opposition to Senate Bill  
4 266.

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6       **Section 3.**     The Village Clerk shall provide executed copies of this resolution to the  
7 Village's lobbyist, and to the Florida Legislature, the Mayor of Miami-Dade County, each member of  
8 the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners, as well as each municipal clerk in Miami-Dade  
9 County for the purpose of distributing copies to members of their respective governing councils.

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11       **Section 4.**     This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

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13       PASSED and ADOPTED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2014.

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15       Attest:   
16               Meighan Alexander  
17               Village Clerk

  
Shelley Stanczyk  
Mayor

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20       APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE USE  
21       AND RELIANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA ONLY:

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25       John R. Herin, Jr.  
26       Interim Village Attorney

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30       FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

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32       Council Member Patrick Fiore               NO  
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34       Council Member Tim Schaffer               YES  
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36       Council Member Joan Lindsay               YES  
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38       Vice-Mayor John DuBois                   YES  
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40       Mayor Shelley Stanczyk                   YES  
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