

## **RESOLUTION 21-R\_\_**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA, OPPOSING ELIMINATION OF STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION FOR REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS IN FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council's four county geographical area is comprised of Indian River, Martin, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie counties and 52 municipalities contained therein, with over 2.1 million residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council is a multi-purpose regional governmental entity with policy responsibilities in the areas of affordable housing, economic development, emergency preparedness, energy, regional health, natural resources, urban planning, and regional transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than five decades Regional Planning Councils have served the public as Florida's only multipurpose regional entities that coordinate intergovernmental solutions to multijurisdictional issues identified by their member local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the 67 counties in the state are divided into 10 Regional Planning Councils which perform functions in Economic Development, Transportation, Emergency Preparedness, Regional Convening, and Resilience to the extent and as directed by their member counties, cities, and gubernatorial appointees; and

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Planning Councils compete for and bring to Florida millions of dollars in federal funds for Economic Development, Transportation, and Environmental and Brownfields Cleanup that would otherwise go to other states; and

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Planning Councils receive no regular general appropriation for operation from the State and, instead, are supported by Federal grant funds, local dues, local contracts, and State contracts for specific programs implemented on behalf of the State; and

**WHEREAS**, Regional Planning Councils no longer have any regulatory authority and are no longer involved in Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs); and

**WHEREAS**, Regional Planning Councils serve a critical role in hazardous material response coordination and training through the Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) operated by each Council; and

**WHEREAS**, Regional Planning Councils regularly assist state agencies in implementing their statutory duties and legislative directives, along with coordinating these duties and directives with local input, at no charge to the State; and

**WHEREAS**, removing authorization and all references to Regional Planning Councils from the Florida Statutes will deprive the people of the State of the important work the Councils do and the Federal funds they bring into Florida.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA:**

Section 1. Ratification of Recitals. The foregoing recitals are hereby ratified and confirmed as true and correct and are hereby made a part of this Resolution.

Section 2. Purpose. The Legislature is urged not to remove Regional Planning Councils from the Florida Statutes.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gregory J. Oravec, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Karen A. Phillips, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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James D. Stokes, City Attorney