



Peggy R. Bell
Mayor

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Town Council

From: Mayor Peggy R. Bell

Date: April 19, 2017

Re: Opposing Florida House Bill 17

REQUEST

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY REGARDING MUNICIPAL HOME RULE; EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED FLORIDA HOUSE BILL 17, WHICH EXPRESSLY PREEMPTS LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATION OF BUSINESSES, PROFESSIONS, AND OCCUPATIONS TO THE STATE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Municipal Home Rule, which is a component of Local Government Home Rule, is an important attribute of municipal government in Florida. Proposed Florida House Bill 17 threatens to diminish Municipal Home Rule by expressly preempting to the State the regulation of businesses, professions, and occupations. Opposition of House Bill 17 is a part of the Town of Cutler Bay Town Council's Legislative Agenda.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Town Council adopt the attached Resolution, opposing Florida House Bill 17 and the preemption of the authority of local government.