

1 **WHEREAS**, access to the Atlantic Ocean through the establishment of oceanfront parks
2 and provision of off-beach parking promotes outdoor recreational activity; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Volusia County Comprehensive Plan recognizes the role of cultural arts
4 in improving the quality of life for its citizens, increasing its tourism-based economy, and in
5 redevelopment by encouraging people to spend time in downtowns and urban areas; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the extension of the long term development program funding for Volusia
7 ECHO is required and if said funding is extended by the voters of Volusia County and the
8 County Council in its discretion renews the levy of the necessary millage, it is in the public's
9 interest to continue to have any resulting acquisition and improvement program procedurally
10 implemented in a manner that sets specific guidelines for the program to ensure effective and
11 successful completion of the program.

12 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE**
13 **COUNTY OF VOLUSIA, FLORIDA, IN OPEN MEETING AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS**
14 **IN THE CITY OF DELAND, FLORIDA, THIS 2ND DAY OF JUNE, 2020, AS**
15 **FOLLOWS:**

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17 **SECTION I. Findings.**

18 It is found and declared that:

19 (A) This Resolution is adopted pursuant to the County's Home Rule Charter, Chapter
20 125, Florida Statutes, Chapters 100 and 101, Florida Statutes, and other applicable provisions of
21 law.

22 (B) It is desired to authorize the continued annual levy of an existing ad valorem tax not
23 exceeding 1/5 mil for twenty years to continue to fund the recreation, historic and cultural
24 projects to enhance the quality of life either from taxes collected and on deposit or from the
25 proceeds of the issuance of short and/or long term indebtedness authorized herein payable from
26 the aforesaid ad valorem tax.

27 (C) The expenditures authorized serve a paramount public purpose.

28 (D) It is in the best interest of the County to issue such Bonds as are necessary or
29 desirable to finance projects payable as heretofore described.

1 (E) The recitations of the preamble are hereby adopted as findings herein.

2 **SECTION II. Election Ordered.**

3 An election be and is hereby ordered to be held in Volusia County, Florida, on November
4 3, 2020, to determine whether or not to continue the levy of an existing ad valorem tax and
5 issuance of Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds for said purpose shall be approved by the
6 electors of Volusia County.

7 **SECTION III. Voting.**

8 The polls will be open at the voting places on the date of such bond election from 7:00
9 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the same day. All qualified electors residing within the County shall be
10 entitled and permitted to vote at such election as hereinafter provided. The bond election shall
11 be held and conducted in the place or places prescribed by law for general election in the County.
12 The election shall be held and conducted in the manner prescribed by law for holding general
13 elections in the County, and the County Manager and Supervisor of Elections are directed to take
14 all necessary measures to conduct the election in all manner required by law. The returns shall
15 be properly canvassed by a county canvassing board in accordance with law (collectively, the
16 "Canvassing Board") and all procedures and requirements of state law, the Charter and other
17 applicable law shall be complied with for the purpose of conducting the computation of ballots
18 and completion of election procedures.

19 **SECTION IV. Ballots.**

20 The ballots to be used in the election shall be on plain white paper with printed
21 description of the proposed levy of the tax and issuance of the Bonds, and which will provide
22 facilities for qualified electors to vote for or against the levy of the tax and issuance of the Bonds
23 as they may choose. Voting equipment shall be used at such election or such other means as is
24 deemed appropriate and permitted by law by the Supervisor of Elections. The question
25 appearing on the ballots to be used in the election shall be in substantially the following printed
26 form:

BALLOT

VOLUSIA ECHO: ENVIRONMENTAL, CULTURAL, HISTORIC
AND OUTDOOR RECREATION PROJECTS TO ENHANCE OUR
QUALITY OF LIFE

SHALL VOLUSIA COUNTY CONTINUE TO FUND THE
ACQUISITION, RESTORATION, CONSTRUCTION AND
IMPROVEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL, CULTURAL, HISTORIC
AND OUTDOOR RECREATION PROJECTS FOR PUBLIC USE,
INCLUDING ISSUING BONDS NOT EXCEEDING \$40 MILLION
BEARING INTEREST NOT EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM LEGAL
RATE, PAYABLE FROM CONTINUATION OF AN EXISTING AD
VALOREM TAX NOT EXCEEDING 1/5 MILL LEVIED FOR 20
YEARS, SUBJECT TO FULL PUBLIC DISCLOSURE THROUGH
ANNUAL AUDITS?

YES (FOR BONDS) _____

NO (AGAINST BONDS) _____

SECTION V. Absentee Voting.

Adequate provision shall be made for absentee voting. Ballots shall be used suitable for
absentee voting at the election. The form of the ballots to be used in the election for absentee
voters shall be in substantially the form set out above, and in accordance with the Florida
Election Code.

SECTION VI. Results of Election.

Returns of the votes cast at the election shall be made to and canvassed by the
Canvassing Board and such Board shall declare the results and certify the same to the County
Manager to be recorded in the minutes of the County. If a majority of the votes cast at such
election in respect to the levy of the tax and issuance of the Bonds shall be "YES" (For Bonds)
such levy and issuance shall be approved, may be issued by the County pursuant to the terms and
provisions of the charter and other provisions of applicable law. Regardless of the results of the
election, the County Manager is hereby directed to submit such results to the Department of State
pursuant to Section 100.351, Florida Statutes.

SECTION VII. Publication of Resolution and Notice.

1 At least 30 days' notice of the election shall be published in the News Journal, or any
2 other newspaper of general circulation within the County, at least twice, once in the fifth week
3 and once in the third week prior to the week in which the election is held, in the manner provided
4 in Section 100.342, Florida Statutes.

5 The notice of election shall be in substantially the following form:

6 NOTICE OF TAX AND BOND REFERENDUM COUNTY OF VOLUSIA,
7 FLORIDA, ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020

8 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A COUNTY OF VOLUSIA, FLORIDA,
9 TAX AND BOND REFERENDUM will be held on the 3rd day of November,
10 2020, in the County of Volusia, Florida, for the purpose of determining whether
11 or not an existing ad valorem tax not exceeding 1/5 mill shall continue to be
12 levied for 20 years and Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds of the county
13 issued in one or more series, payable therefrom shall be issued in the aggregate
14 principal amount of not exceeding \$40 million, bearing interest, payable at such
15 interest rate or rates not exceeding the maximum rate permitted by law and
16 redeemable as shall be determined at or before the time of sale thereof, maturing
17 over a period of not to exceed twenty years from the date of the bonds, to finance
18 environmental, cultural, historic and outdoor recreation projects to enhance our
19 quality of life and purposes incidental thereto and subject to full public disclosure
20 through annual audits.

21 The polls will be open at the voting places on the date of bond election at 7:00
22 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the same day, as provided in Resolution 2020-79 adopted
23 by the County Council of the County of Volusia, Florida, on June 2, 2020, which
24 is a matter of public record.

25 All qualified electors residing within Volusia County shall be entitled qualified
26 and permitted to vote at such election.

27 The County of Volusia, Florida
28 Ed Kelley, Chair of the County Council

29 **SECTION IX. Oversight Committee.**

30 In order to ensure the proceeds are used solely to finance acquisition, restoration,
31 construction, and improvement of recreation, historic and cultural facilities for public use, the
32 County Council shall appoint electors to an advisory oversight committee to provide for ongoing
33 review of all projects under consideration and to make recommendations to the County Council.

34 **SECTION X. Criteria and Procedures.**

1 The County Council may fund projects by direct county expenditure for County
2 government projects or by grant-in-aid awards. It is the intent of the County Council that the
3 funds be allocated throughout the County to provide broad geographical distribution and
4 apportioned appropriately among the environmental, cultural, historic and outdoor recreation
5 projects. Grants-in-aid shall be awarded on a matching basis only by the County Council on the
6 recommendation of an oversight committee to Volusia County municipalities and non-profit
7 organizations, subject to standards, procedures, and criteria established by the Council. Such
8 criteria shall continue to include that the grantee must provide a match and:

9 Stated purpose for inclusion

10 Geographical distribution of grant awards

11 Revenue-generating potential of the project

12 Timetable for project completion

13 Provisions for protecting existing infrastructure

14 Anticipated costs of operations

15 Projected costs to achieve the project goals

16 Amount of matching funds

17 Availability of matching funds/Amount of matching funds

18 Specific performance measures

19 Plans for and level of public access and use

20 A management policy statement for the project and a management prospectus

21 Security for grant funds.

22 **SECTION XI. Effective Date.**

23 This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

24 **DONE AND ORDERED IN OPEN MEETING.**

25 ATTEST:

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30 George Recktenwald
31 County Manager

COUNTY COUNCIL
VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Ed Kelley
County Chair