

**A RESOLUTION OF THE INDIAN RIVER COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN ORDER TO REPRESENT THE BEST INTERESTS OF ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS, REQUESTS THE INDIAN RIVER BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DISMISS ALL PLANS TO PLACE A CHILDREN'S TAX REFERENDUM ON THE NOVEMBER 2022 BALLOT.**

WHEREAS: The Children's Services Advisory Committee (CSAC) is a part of the Indian River County government with a 2022 budget of \$2+ million.

WHEREAS: The key responsibilities of the CSAC are to assess the children's services needs in the county and recommend granting taxpayer dollars for services to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC).

WHEREAS: The BOCC has been asked by a group of residents to place on the November 2022 ballot a referendum creating a Special Taxing Authority whereby every property owner in the county will be assessed a tax annually to support non-profit organizations providing children's services.

WHEREAS: The Special Taxing Authority will operate for twelve years without further approval by the taxpayers and millage rate tax increases occur during that time without approval of the taxpayers.

WHEREAS: Members of the 15-member Special Taxing Authority Board will not be approved by the taxpayers and the Authority will require the overhead of additional staffing and consultants.

WHEREAS: It is projected the first year's revenues will be approximately \$4.8 million and with milage increases, the total after the first twelve years will be over \$100 million.

WHEREAS: The funds received by the Special Taxing Authority can not be used for any other purpose including unforeseen emergencies, economic slowdowns, or catastrophic hurricanes.

WHEREAS: Indian River County needs more affordable housing for low to middle income families. The Special Tax will increase the cost of living for every property owner, renter and home buyer.

WHEREAS: The residents of IRC should have the ability to select the charitable, non-profit organizations they wish to donate to rather than being forced to give to a select chosen few.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, THAT:

The Indian River Board of County Commissioners should not approve the Referendum to create a new Children's Services Special Taxing Authority for placement on the November 2022 ballot.

Voted on and resolved this 9th day of February, 2022 by the Republican Executive Committee of Indian River County.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_