

Resolution No. 2019-24

A Resolution of the School Board of Volusia County, Florida supporting the adoption of a ½ cent local option infrastructure sales surtax that will be utilized for roads, sidewalks, bridges, water quality and flood control.

KNOW ALL CITIZENS BY THESE PRESENTS, that the Volusia County School Board, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, hereby supports the adoption of a ½ cent local option infrastructure sales surtax that will be utilized for roads, sidewalks, bridges, water quality and flood control.

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes authorize local governments to impose a maximum of 2.5 cent sales surtax to be used for infrastructure improvements within the County; and

WHEREAS, in response to petitions from all 16 cities, the Volusia County Council agreed to hold a Special Mail Ballot Election on May 21, 2019 to consider adopting the ½ cent local option infrastructure sales surtax; and

WHEREAS, if approved by the electorate, the surtax will be levied for a period of 20 years commencing on January 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the surtax revenue generated may be spent on county and municipal public facilities restricted to roadways, sidewalks, bridges, water quality, flood control and ancillary amenities and a citizen advisory committee will be appointed to review the use of the revenue; and

WHEREAS, first year revenues are estimated to be \$43million and it is expected that non-residents and visitors will be contributing between 35 and 40 percent of that revenue; and

WHEREAS, the County and its cities have identified over \$1 billion in infrastructure projects that they believe if not addressed will have a detrimental effect on Volusians' quality of life; and

WHEREAS, The Volusia County School Board understands and appreciates the challenges of fulfilling a public service mission without sustainable infrastructure.

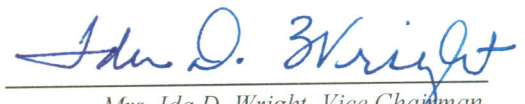
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN OFFICIAL SESSION, DULY ASSEMBLED IN DELAND, FLORIDA, THIS 30th DAY OF APRIL, 2019, AS FOLLOWS:


Section 1. The Volusia County School Board supports the effort of the cities and the County to repair/improve infrastructure for our residents, visitors and future generations and endorses the proposed ½ cent local option infrastructure sales surtax.


Section 2. That a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the official minutes of the School Board of Volusia County, Florida, distributed to all public schools and appropriated governmental bodies in Volusia County, Florida.

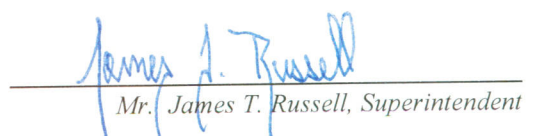
***PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 30th DAY OF APRIL 2019
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF VOLUSIA COUNTY***


Mr. Carl G. Persis, Chairman


Mrs. Ida D. Wright, Vice Chairman


Mrs. Linda Cuthbert


Mr. Ruben Colón


Mr. James T. Russell, Superintendent