BEFORE THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NUMBER 36-2019

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 9 RELATING TO COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, the Community Redevelopment Act of 1969 authorizes a county or municipality to create a Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) as a means of redeveloping slums and blighted areas "which constitute a serious and growing menace, injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and welfare of the residents of the state;" and

WHEREAS, the Community Redevelopment Act further states "the prevention and elimination of slums and blight is a matter of state policy and state concern in order that the state and its counties and municipalities shall not continue to be endangered by areas which are focal centers of disease, promote juvenile delinquency, and consume an excessive proportion of its revenues because of the extra services required for police, fire, accident, hospitalization, and other forms of public protection, services, and facilities;" and

WHEREAS, the City of Stuart Community Redevelopment Agency has shaped the revitalization efforts of downtown Stuart through community redevelopment projects since its inception in 1986; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Stuart believes CRA's are the best method of utilizing local tax dollars to improve blighted areas which is best controlled at the local level by local professionals and members of communities reinvesting into their community; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission believes that CRA's throughout the State not only provide local resources for meaningful and measurable community programs, but also enable community leaders to plan strategically for healthy growth and engaged community revitalization and rejuvenation projects; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission concurs with the Florida League of Cities in its assessment that provisions of House Bill 9 would place unnecessary state control on local programs that are entirely financed at the local level; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 9 also prohibits Community Redevelopment Agencies from continuing beyond 2039 without a two-thirds vote of reauthorization, which needlessly damages the stability of investors relocating within a CRA; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 9 further contradicts longstanding findings of public purpose and necessity by prohibiting the creation of any new community redevelopment agencies after October 1, 2019 without a two-thirds majority vote of the county-wide electorate, thereby disenfranchising municipal voters and subverting home rule of municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission opposes House Bill 9 and any similar or identical legislation that would erode or preempt local communities control over CRA's and local tax dollars.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, THAT:

SECTION 1: The foregoing precatory language is adopted as if set forth below.

SECTION 2: The City Commission of the City of Stuart, Florida opposes House Bill 9 which would further erode local home rule over CRA's while disenfranchising municipal voters by unreasonably enabling county voters to determine the fate of municipal redevelopment. The City Commission hereby requests that representatives in the state legislature oppose this bad bill.

SECTION 3: This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

Commissioner _____ offered the foregoing resolution and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
REBECCA S. BRUNER, MAYOR				
EULA R. CLARKE, VICE MAYOR				
KELLI GLASS LEIGHTON, COMMISSIONER				
MERRITT MATHESON, COMMISSIONER				
MIKE MEIER, COMMISSIONER				

ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 2019.

ATTEST:

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MARY R. KINDEL
CITY CLERK

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REBECCA S. BRUNER
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:

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MICHAEL MORTELL
CITY ATTORNEY