



FLC 2024 Annual Conference

Proposed Resolutions

FLC Staff Contact: Allison Payne

Please forward this packet to your city's voting delegate.



To: Key Officials

From: Jeannie Garner, Executive Director/CEO

Re: Transmittal of the 2024 Proposed Resolutions

Date: July 16, 2024

Attached are the proposed resolutions that are being submitted for consideration by the FLC Resolutions Committee, which will convene on Thursday, August 15, at 4:45 p.m. ET, in conjunction with the League's Annual Conference at the Diplomat Beach Resort, Hollywood, Florida.

The Resolutions Committee is charged with considering official resolutions relating principally to congressional and commemorative issues. The committee will review and vote on each resolution and then forward the committee's recommendations to the League's membership at the Business Session, which will take place on Saturday, August 17, at 9:00 a.m. ET.

It is at the Business Session where the League's voting delegates vote on the Report of the Resolutions Committee. **Please forward this packet to your city's voting delegate in preparation for the Business Session.** Please note proposed resolutions are subject to change by the Resolutions Committee.

If your city still needs to designate a voting delegate, please complete the form included in this packet by July 31.

Should you have any questions, please contact Allison Payne at the League office at (850) 701-3602 or e-mail: apayne@flcities.com.

Attachments



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**2024 Annual Conference
Florida League of Cities, Inc.
August 15-17, 2024
Hollywood, Florida**

It is important that each member municipality sending delegates to the Annual Conference of the Florida League of Cities designate one of their officials to cast their votes at the Annual Business Session. League By-Laws require each municipality to select one person to serve as the municipality's voting delegate. *Municipalities do not need to adopt a resolution to designate a voting delegate.*

Please fill out this form and return it to the League office so that your voting delegate may be properly identified. **Voting delegate forms must be received by the League no later than July 31, 2024.**

Designation of Voting Delegate

Name of Voting Delegate: _____

Title: _____

Delegate Email: _____

Municipality of: _____

AUTHORIZED BY:

Name

Title

Return this form to:
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Proposed Florida League of Cities 2024 Resolutions

1. City of Cooper City
2. Florida City Government Week
3. Hazard Mitigation Grants

1. City of Cooper City

2024-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.,
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE CITY OF COOPER CITY AND
THE BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF GREG
ROSS AS PRESIDENT OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES.**

WHEREAS, Greg Ross, Mayor of the City of Cooper City, served as President of the Florida League of Cities (FLC) from 2023-2024; and

WHEREAS, the citizens, Commissioners and staff of the City of Cooper City were understanding of the demands placed upon Mayor Ross in his role as President of the FLC; and

WHEREAS, during his presidency, Mayor Ross focused on the Serving Our Cities initiative, which centered around intentional collaboration, expanded education and respectful public service; and

WHEREAS, the membership and staff of the FLC recognize that the commitment of the City of Cooper City and the Broward League of Cities to Mayor Ross' presidency ensured his active participation in FLC activities and unselfish service to the FLC and it permitted him to successfully promote the programs, projects and philosophy of the FLC during the past year; and

WHEREAS, the membership and staff of the FLC also wish to recognize and personally thank Mary Lou Tighe, the Broward League of Cities Executive Director, all of the dedicated City of Cooper City staff and members of the Broward League of Cities for their efforts in providing outstanding assistance to President Ross and FLC staff in coordinating his duties with the City and with the FLC, and all City staff went above and beyond the call of duty and their outstanding contributions to this effort are applauded and greatly appreciated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.

Section 1. The FLC membership and staff do officially and personally appreciate the commitment the City of Cooper City's citizens, Commissioners and staff made to Mayor Ross' presidency.

Section 2. The FLC membership and staff also appreciate the support and commitment from the Broward League of Cities to ensure President Ross had a successful year as FLC President.

Section 3. A copy of this resolution be presented to the City of Cooper City and the Broward League of Cities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Florida League of Cities, Inc. in conference assembled at the League's 2024 Annual Conference at the Diplomat Beach Resort in Hollywood, FL, this 17th Day of August 2024.

Michael C. Blake, First Vice President
Florida League of Cities, Inc.
Mayor, City of Cocoa

ATTEST: _____
Jeannie Garner, Executive Director/CEO
Florida League of Cities, Inc.

Submitted by: FLC Staff

2. Florida City Government Week

2024-02

**A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.,
RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 21-27, 2024, AS
“FLORIDA CITY GOVERNMENT WEEK” AND ENCOURAGING
ALL FLORIDA CITY OFFICIALS TO SUPPORT THIS
CELEBRATION BY PARTICIPATING IN FLORIDA CITY
GOVERNMENT WEEK ACTIVITIES.**

WHEREAS, city government is the government closest to the people and the one with the most direct daily impact upon its residents; and

WHEREAS, city government provides services and programs that enhance the quality of life for residents, making their city their home; and

WHEREAS, city government is administered for and by its citizens and is dependent upon public commitment to and understanding of its many responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, city government officials and employees share the responsibility to pass along the understanding of the services provided by cities and their benefits; and

WHEREAS, Florida City Government Week is a very important time to recognize the significant role played by city government in our lives and to spread the word to all Floridians that they can shape and influence this level of government, which is closest to the people; and

WHEREAS, the Florida League of Cities and its member cities have joined together to teach students and other citizens about municipal government through a variety of activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.:

Section 1. The Florida League of Cities, Inc., encourages all city officials, city employees, school officials and citizens to participate in events that recognize and celebrate Florida City Government Week.

Section 2. A copy of this resolution be provided to the membership of the Florida League of Cities, Inc.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Florida League of Cities, Inc., in conference assembled at the League’s 2024 Annual Conference at the Diplomat Beach Resort in Hollywood, FL, this 17th Day of August 2024.

Greg Ross, President
Florida League of Cities, Inc.

Mayor, City of Cooper City

ATTEST: _____
Jeannie Garner, Executive Director/CEO
Florida League of Cities, Inc.

Submitted by: FLC Staff

3. Hazard Mitigation Grants

2024-03

**A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC., URGING
CONGRESS TO REFORM AND INCREASE FUNDING TO THE HAZARD
MITIGATION ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAMS.**

WHEREAS, natural disasters, including hurricanes, floods, wildfires and earthquakes, pose an ongoing threat to communities in Florida and across the United States and result in loss of life, property damage and economic hardship; and

WHEREAS, Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grants, administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), provide crucial funding for projects that reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, the HMA program includes the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grant program, the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant program, the Building Resilience Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program and the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), all of which are essential in helping communities prepare for and recover from natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, current funding levels for the grants within the HMA Program are insufficient to meet the growing demand for mitigation projects, which leaves many communities vulnerable to the devastating impacts of natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, there continues to be a dire need for reforms to the HMA Program to streamline the application process, prioritize equitable and cost-effective distribution of funds and increase support for underserved and disadvantaged communities disproportionately affected by natural hazards; and

WHEREAS, strengthening the HMA Program would provide additional support for state and local governments working to implement effective hazard mitigation strategies, increase resilience and promote sustainable development in vulnerable areas; and

WHEREAS, a study from the National Institute of Building Sciences found that every dollar spent on disaster mitigation saves six dollars in future disaster costs, which reduces the long-term burden on taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, investing in hazard mitigation is not only a matter of public safety but also an investment in the economic stability and resilience of communities across the nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF
CITIES, INC.:**

Section 1. The Florida League of Cities, Inc. urges the United States Congress to increase funding for Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants to meet the rising needs of communities facing natural hazards.

Section 2. The Florida League of Cities, Inc. calls upon Congress to implement reforms to the HMA Program that streamline the application process, prioritize equitable and cost-effective distribution of funds and provide targeted support for underserved and disadvantaged communities.

Section 3. A copy of this resolution be sent to President Joe Biden, the Florida congressional delegation, the National League of Cities and the membership of the Florida League of Cities, Inc.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Florida League of Cities, Inc., in conference assembled at the League's 2024 Annual Conference at the Diplomat Beach Resort in Hollywood, FL, this 17th Day of August 2024.

Greg Ross, President
Florida League of Cities, Inc.
Mayor, City of Cooper City

ATTEST: _____
Jeannie Garner, Executive Director/CEO
Florida League of Cities, Inc.

Submitted by: Mayor Ken Welch, City of St. Petersburg