

# STAFF REPORT REGULAR MEETING

**AGENDA DATE:** March 21, 2023

**DEPARTMENT:** City Commission

**TITLE:**

Resolution No. 09-2023 -- opposing House Bill 1011 (HB1011) that only specified flags may be flown by local governments

**SUMMARY:**

On February 22, 2023, Florida Representative David Borrero filed HB 1011, which provides that certain governmental agencies and units of local government may only display specified flags.

**BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:**

The Florida Legislature is currently considering HB1011 that would limit the exhibition or display of flags, in any manner, by a governmental agency, local government, or unit of local government to only the State flag, the United States flag, the POW-MIA flag, and the official state Firefighter Memorial Flag. This is not only an infringement of free speech; it would not allow the city to fly its own flag. This bill also would not allow the city to fly the pride flag which has been done annually for many years. Many municipalities are adopting such a resolution and sending it to the Governor and Florida Legislators.

**MOTION:**

Move to approve/disapprove Resolution No. 09-2023 opposing House Bill 1011 that only specified flags may be flown.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

Resolution 09-2023