TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING THE MAYOR, OR THE MAYOR'S DESIGNATED ALTERNATE, AS THE PRIMARY SPOKESPERSON ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN RELATIVE TO PROPOSED AND PENDING LEGISLATION BEFORE COUNTY, STATE, AND **FEDERAL** ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES, INCLUDING MATTERS OF APPROPRIATIONS; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR DESIGNATED ALTERNATE TO CONVEY THE TOWN'S POSITION ON LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGETARY ISSUES IN COMMUNICATIONS WITH **ELECTED** OFFICIALS. **STAFF** MEMBERS, AND THE TOWN'S LOBBYISTS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in the event the Palm Beach Board of County Commissioners, Florida Legislature, and U.S. House of Representatives as well as state and federal executive agencies deliberate on legislation, appropriations, or other budgetary matters that may directly or indirectly impact the Town of Loxahatchee Groves and its operations, it is essential for the Town to effectively advocate for its interests and communicate its priorities; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent on the Town Council to communicate with elected representatives at the county level (Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners), state level (Florida State Senate and Florida House of Representatives), and federal level (U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate), as well as relevant executive branches of government, to advocate for legislation and funding appropriations beneficial to the Town and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of the Town Charter designates the Mayor as the Town official to represent the Town when dealing with other entities; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes the importance of designating a primary spokesperson to engage with elected officials and their staff on legislative and budgetary matters while providing flexibility for the Mayor to designate an alternate if necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, THAT:

<u>Section 1.</u> The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

<u>Section 2.</u> The Town Council hereby designates the Mayor, or in the Mayor's absence or unavailability, the Mayor's designated alternate, as the Town's primary spokesperson with respect to written and oral communications with Palm Beach Board of County Commissioners, members of the Florida Legislature, members of the U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Senators, and their respective staff, as well as state and federal executive agencies, concerning any potential or pending legislative or budgetary matters, including appropriations.

- The designated alternate must be a member of the Town Council or an executive officer of the Town, as determined by the Mayor.
- When communicating with county, state, or federal officials and legislators, the Mayor or alternate shall endeavor to coordinate such communications with the Town's lobbyists and inform the Town Manager of the communications.

<u>Section 3.</u> All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

<u>Section 4.</u> If any clause, section, other part, or application of this Resolution is held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part or application, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Resolution.

<u>Section 5.</u> This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

Councilmember seconded the motion, and	offered the foregoing resolution. Councilmember and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:				
ANITA KANE, MAYOR		Aye	<u>Nay</u>	Absent	
MARGARET HERZOG, VICE MAYOR					
PHILLIS MANIGLIA, COUNCILMEMBER					
ROBERT SHORR, COUNCILMEMBER					
LAURA DANOWSKI, COUNCILMEMBER	_				

ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA, THIS *7th* DAY OF <u>JANUARY</u> 2025.

	TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA	
ATTEST:	Anita Kane, Mayor	
Valerie Oakes, Town Clerk	Margaret Herzog, Vice Mayor	
APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:	Phillis Maniglia, Councilmember	
Office of the Town Attorney	Robert Shorr, Councilmember	
	Laura Danowski, Councilmember	