

## RESOLUTION 2025-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF MADEIRA BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE A PUBLIC RECORDS EXEMPTION FOR MUNICIPAL CLERKS AND EMPLOYEES WHO PERFORM MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS WORK OR HAVE ANY PART IN CODE ENFORCEMENT FUNCTIONS OF A CITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.**

**WHEREAS**, many municipal employees who perform duties that include, or result in, investigations into complaints regarding election fraud, legal enforcement of hearings that could lead to a criminal prosecution or code enforcement actions are exposed to threats and other acts of violence; and

**WHEREAS**, municipal clerks often administer elections and some election workers have been targeted for threats and violence due to the nature of materials they are responsible for; and

**WHEREAS**, municipal clerks are often involved in legal enforcement proceedings in actions related to violations of codes and ordinances and, occasionally, these proceedings have led to retaliation and threats by the violators; and

**WHEREAS**, currently public records exemptions in Florida include those for local personnel who either investigate, enforce or otherwise provide a service that can result in contentious interactions when action is taken and municipal clerks and their staff fall within the need for a window for greater protection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Association of City Clerks is very concerned for the safety and well-being of the municipal clerks and their staff who serve the public on a daily basis and are, oftentimes, the first contact of citizens with cities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Madeira Beach has complied with all requirements and procedures of Florida law in processing and adopting this Resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF MADEIRA BEACH, FLORIDA, IN SESSION DULY AND REGULARLY ASSEMBLED:**

**Section 1.** That the City of Madeira Beach hereby adopts the recitals set forth above as the legislative findings of the Board of Commissioners.

**Section 2.** The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Madeira Beach, Florida, hereby urge and encourage the Florida State Legislature to enact legislation to provide a public records exemption for municipal clerks and employees who

perform municipal elections work or have any part in code enforcement functions of a municipality.

**Section 3.** The City Clerk of the City of Madeira Beach is hereby directed and authorized to send a certified copy of this Resolution to Governor Ron DeSantis, Senator Nick DiCeglie, Representative Anna Paulina Luna, the Suncoast League of Cities and the Florida League of Cities (FLC).

**Section 4.** That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

**INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF MADEIRA BEACH, FLORIDA, THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.**

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**Anne-Marie Brooks, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Clara VanBlargan, MMC, MSM, City Clerk**