

IMMOKALEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 2016-02

A RESOLUTION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE IMMOKALEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT, FLORIDA, REAFFIRMING THE DISTRICT'S COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF LOCAL BASED FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO DISTRICT RESIDENTS AND VISITORS

WHEREAS, the Immokalee Fire Control District was established as a subdivision of state government to provide local control and self-determination of services; and

WHEREAS, as provided in Florida Statutes Chapters 189 and 191, independent special districts are created by the state legislature and given powers and authority to function for a specific purpose; and

WHEREAS, as provided in Chapter 2000-393 Laws of Florida, the provision of fire suppression and related activities and emergency medical and rescue response services is the primary purpose of Immokalee Fire Control District; and

WHEREAS, the Immokalee Fire Control District considers Fire Rescue and EMS as an essential district function; and

WHEREAS, the provision and quality of Fire and EMS service within the Immokalee Fire Control District is a function of the Board of Commissioners of the Immokalee Fire Control District as authorized by the Florida Legislature and should not be determined by outside special interest groups and agencies; and

WHEREAS, Countywide Consolidation of Fire and EMS service would diminish or eliminate local control of a critical essential service affecting the taxpayers of the Immokalee Fire Control District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Immokalee Fire Control District Board of Commissioners, that:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. The Board believes that Countywide consolidation of Fire and EMS services will adversely affect the quality and availability of Fire and EMS services to Immokalee Fire Control District residents and visitors, and appears designed primarily to facilitate the agenda of outside special interest groups at the expense of taxpayers of Immokalee Fire Control District and other areas.

SECTION 3. The premise that one County-wide service model fits all is flawed and contrary to the purpose and creation of special taxing districts in Florida.

SECTION 4. The Board of Commissioners is adamant that the Immokalee Fire Control District should remain under local District control as it is a special district function authorized by the Florida Legislature and opposes consolidation attempts by OUTSIDE special interest groups and agencies, to bring these critical lifesaving services down to the lowest common denominator.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS OFFERED BY COMMISSIONER ANDERSON WHO MOVED THE RESOLUTION'S ADOPTION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER OLESKY AND, UPON BEING PUT TO A VOTE, THE VOTE WAS AS FOLLOWS:

Commissioner Patricia Anne Goodnight	<u>YEA</u>
Commissioner Travis Anderson	<u>YEA</u>
Commissioner Edward Olesky	<u>YEA</u>
Commissioner Bonnie Keen	<u>YEA</u>
Commissioner Robert Halman	<u>YEA</u>

Passed in open and regular session of the Board of Commissioners of the Immokalee Fire Control District, Florida this 18th day of February, 2016.

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BY: PA Gnt
Patricia Anne Goodnight, Chair

Attest: [Signature]
Edward Olesky, Secretary