

**RESOLUTION NO. 120399**

**PASSED October 4, 2012**

**A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida opposing proposed Amendment 4 (2012) to the Florida Constitution, regarding property tax limitations that would reduce the current reassessment limitation on non-homestead residential property and certain residential and non-residential property and that would provide an additional homestead exemption for first-time Florida homesteaders; providing directions to the Clerk of the Commission; and providing an immediate effective date.**

**WHEREAS**, a proposed constitutional amendment sponsored by the Florida Legislature will be placed on the 2012 general election ballot as “Amendment 4”; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposed amendment reduces the current reassessment limitation on non-homestead residential real property and certain other residential and non-residential real property from 10 percent to 5 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed amendment grants first-time Florida homesteaders an additional homestead exemption equal to 50 percent of the just value of the property up to the county median home value; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to this proposed amendment, several property tax initiatives, over the last few years, including additional homestead exemptions, Save Our Homes portability and statutory millage caps, have contributed to inequities and complexities in Florida’s property tax structure; and

**WHEREAS**, property taxes are a substantial and relatively stable revenue source for local governments in Florida and are utilized to provide essential government services;

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission believes that Amendment 4, if passed, will have negative fiscal impacts for the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE**

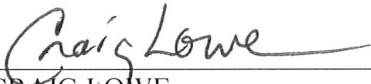
**CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1.** That the City Commission of the City of Gainesville opposes proposed Amendment 4 (2012).

**Section 2.** The Clerk of the Commission is authorized and directed to send copies of this Resolution to the members of the Alachua County Legislative Delegation, the Governor, the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House, the Florida League of Cities, the Alachua County League of Cities, all cities in Alachua County, Florida, and the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida.


**Section 3.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012

  
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CRAIG LOWE  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

  
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KURT LANNON,  
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION

  
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NICOLLE M. SHALLEY  
CITY ATTORNEY