

RESOLUTION 200924

Resolution Opposing Florida Unfunded Mandate and Anti-Worker Bills SB 78/HB 947

WHEREAS, the proposed Florida Senate Bill 78 and House Bill 947 would require union dues to be reauthorized by the City of Gainesville within 30 days every three years or when a new contract is ratified causing a massive amount of work for the City of Gainesville which will not be compensated for. This will result in a large unfunded mandate during a time when the City of Gainesville budget is extremely stressed; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed Florida Senate Bill 78 and House Bill 947 would cause harm to the over 2,000 City of Gainesville employees many of which are union members with the International Association of Firefighters Local 2157, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1579, Communication Workers of America Local 3170, Police Benevolent Association, and the Fraternal Order of Police Gator Lodge 67 by creating a significant gap in membership. This break in membership will result in laps in many benefits such as enhanced healthcare, legal support, financial services, and union representation; and,

WHEREAS, the Florida Constitution in Article I section 6 states that "The right of employees, by and through a labor organization, to bargain collectively shall not be denied or abridged." yet the proposed Florida Senate Bill 78 and House Bill 947 will make it far more difficult for employees to join a union, for the union to collect dues from members, and for the organization to represent current members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA is in strong opposition to the proposed Florida Senate Bill 78 and House Bill 947 as an unfunded mandate that will cause significant harm to the City of Gainesville budget and is an infringement on the rights of its workers.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Florida League of Cities, Senate Bill 78 Sponsor Senator Ray Wesley Rodrigues, House Bill 947 Sponsor Scott Plakon, and Alachua County Delegation members Senator Keith Perry, Representative Robert Charles "Chuck" Brannan, III Representative Yvonne Hayes Hinson and Representative Charles Wesley "Chuck" Clemons, Sr.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2021.

Lauren Poe, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Nicole M. Shalley, City Attorney

ATTEST:

Omichele D. Gainey, City Clerk