

SCHOOL BOARD OF CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION # _____



A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR CLAY COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO PLACE A REFERENDUM ON THE BALLOT FOR THE AUGUST 2018 ELECTION FOR THE ELECTORS WITHIN THE CLAY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO VOTE ON THE APPROVAL OF AN ADDITIONAL ONE (1) MILL OF AD VALOREM MILLAGE TAX PURSUANT TO SECTION 1011.73(2) OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES.

WHEREAS, section 1011.73(2) of the Florida Statutes authorizes the School Board of Clay County, Florida, pursuant to a resolution adopted at a regular meeting, to direct the Board of County Commissioners of Clay County, Florida, to call an election at which the electors within the school district may approve an ad valorem tax millage as authorized under section 1011.71(9) of the Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the tragic massacre of students and staff by a gunman at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in 2018 led to the enactment of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act ("the Act"), which made significant school safety reforms and imposed upon all Florida public school districts numerous additional requirements to achieve greater safety for public school students and staff; and

WHEREAS, the funds allocated by the State of Florida to Clay County District Schools ("District") are insufficient for the District to satisfy important objectives and requirements contained in the Act without compromising the quality of instructional and other services provided by the District; and

WHEREAS, section 1011.71(9) of the Florida Statutes authorizes public school boards to levy, by local referendum, additional millage for school operational purposes up to an amount that, when combined with the non-voted millage levied, does not exceed the 10 mill limit established in s. 9(b), Art. VII of the State Constitution, and the current millage is well-below such limit; and

WHEREAS, the School Board has determined that it is in the best interests of District students and staff to submit to the voters the question of approving an additional one (1) mill of ad valorem millage tax for a period of four (4) years to satisfy the objectives and requirements of the Act, and provide for operating expenses necessary to the District's delivery of high-quality services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Clay County, Florida, that:

1. Pursuant to section 1011.73(2), the School Board requests the Clay County Board of County Commissioners to place a referendum on the ballot for the forthcoming August 28, 2018 primary election, whereby the electors within the Clay County School District may vote on the approval of an additional one (1) mill of ad valorem millage tax for District operating expenses over a period of four (4) years, as authorized by section 1011.71(9) of the Florida Statutes.

2. The substance and title of the millage referendum shall be as follows:

BALLOT TITLE: APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ONE (1) MILL OF AD VALOREM MILLAGE TAX FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT SECURITY AND OPERATING EXPENSES

BALLOT QUESTION: Shall an additional one (1) mill of School District ad valorem millage tax, beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2023, be approved to enhance the safety and security of students and staff, and provide for necessary operating expenses of the School District?

_____ **YES**

_____ **NO**

DULY ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the School Board of Clay County, Florida, at a regular meeting held this ____ day of _____, 2018.

ATTEST:

Addison G. Davis
Superintendent of Schools
Clay County, Florida

Carol Studdard, School Board Chair, District 2

Janice Kerekes, District 1

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