

March 19, 2014

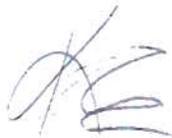
Re: City of Sanibel Resolution 04-016 Opposing House Bill 703

Dear

The City of Sanibel opposes House Bill 703 and Sanibel City Council has adopted the enclosed Resolution 14-016. As proposed House Bill 703 poses an immediate and significant threat to the Home Rule authority of cities and counties to protect the health, safety, welfare, economic well-being and environmental resources of our citizens and visitors.

On behalf of the Sanibel City Council, we ask that you oppose House Bill 703 on the grounds that the proposed law, at the very least, improperly restricts a municipal or county government's ability to exercise its Home Rule Powers to protect its citizens' critical interests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Ruane', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kevin Ruane
Mayor

Enclosure

CC: Sanibel City Council
Judith A. Zimomra, City Manager
Kenneth B. Cuyler, City Attorney

CITY OF SANIBEL

RESOLUTION 14-016

A RESOLUTION OF THE SANIBEL CITY COUNCIL STRONGLY OPPOSING PROPOSED HOUSE BILL 703 WHICH PROPOSES TO SIGNIFICANTLY AND ADVERSELY PREEMPT ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' AUTHORITY TO PROTECT ITS CITIZENS HEALTH, SAFETY, ECONOMIC WELL-BEING AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, House Bill 703, which has been proposed for the 2014 State Legislative Session, poses an immediate and significant threat to the legal authority of cities and counties to protect the health, safety, welfare, economic well-being and environmental resources of its citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Sanibel City Council strongly opposes the proposed legislation, both with respect to its objectives and with respect to its unjustified attempt at local government preemption;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Sanibel, Florida:

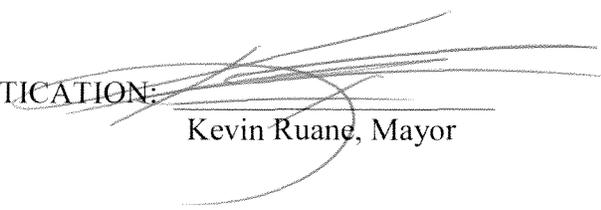
SECTION 1. The Sanibel City Council, on behalf of the City of Sanibel and its citizens, hereby registers its strong opposition to House Bill 703. The City Clerk is hereby directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to the members of the local legislative delegation, the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, the State Association of Counties, the Florida League of Cities, the Florida League of Mayors, and the Mayors of each city within Lee County, Florida.

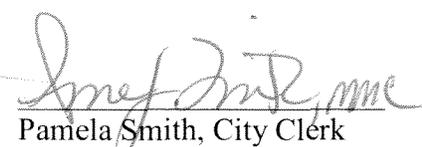
SECTION 2. Effective date.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

DULY PASSED AND ENACTED by the Council of the City of Sanibel, Florida, this 4th of February, 2014.

AUTHENTICATION:


Kevin Ruane, Mayor


Pamela Smith, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kenneth B. Cuyler 2/4/14
Kenneth B. Cuyler, City Attorney Date

Vote of Council Members:

Ruane yea
Congress yea
Denham yea
Harrity yea
Jennings yea

Date filed with City Clerk: February 4, 2014