

**RESOLUTION OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD
OPPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FLORIDA
CONSTITUTION THAT WOULD FORCE VOTERS
TO DECIDE ALL CHANGES TO A CITY OR
COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN [AND
URGING VOTERS TO VOTE "NO ON 4" IN
NOVEMBER]**

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is experiencing an unprecedented recession; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida's unemployment rate continues to climb and is among the highest in our nation; and

WHEREAS, attracting new jobs and new businesses to the State of Florida is essential to the future recovery and prosperity of the state and its residents; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 4 seeks to place a constitutional amendment before Florida's voters to amend Article II, Section 7, of the Florida Constitution, (Title: REFERENDA REQUIRED FOR ADOPTION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLANS); and

WHEREAS, Amendment 4 creates a time-consuming and costly process for businesses locating or expanding in Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 4 will impede efforts to grow and diversify Florida's economy; and

WHEREAS, a major economic study indicates that Amendment 4 is likely to lead to over 260,000 lost jobs in Florida; and

WHEREAS, this amendment will result in added costs to our local governments, weakened public services and heavier burdens on Florida taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the small Pinellas county town of St. Pete Beach adopted a local version of Amendment 4 in 2006; and

WHEREAS, this local version of Amendment 4 resulted in higher taxes, fewer jobs and endless litigation at taxpayer expense; and

WHEREAS, due to sustained job loss, stifled job creation and a loss of economic vitality, Amendment 4 will cause the standard of living of all Florida residents to decline, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COLUMBIA COUNTY
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD THAT:**

Section 1. The COLUMBIA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD hereby strongly opposes the proposed Constitutional Amendment 4, which poses a grave threat to Florida's unique quality of life, the stability of its communities, and the prosperity of its economy.

Section 2. The COLUMBIA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD recommends defeat of Constitutional Amendment 4.

Section 3. The COLUMBIA COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD urges citizens to vote "NO" on Amendment 4 when it appears on the ballot.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2010.

SIGNED:
