

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, INC.

RESOLUTION ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, INC., REQUESTING THAT THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING WORKGROUP RECOMMEND THAT THE LEGISLATURE USE ALL SADOWSKI STATE AND LOCAL HOUSING TRUST FUND MONIES SOLELY FOR FLORIDA'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS.

WHEREAS, Florida counties have an obligation to provide for the housing needs of their current and anticipated populations and assisting lower income families is dependent upon sufficient housing assistance from federal and state programs; and

WHEREAS, the William E. Sadowski Affordable Housing Act of 1992 provides a dedicated revenue source for the production and preservation of affordable housing, including funding for the local State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP); and

WHEREAS, the SHIP program provides funds to local governments as an incentive to create partnerships that produce and preserve affordable homeownership and multifamily housing for very low, low and moderate income families.

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature has swept funds from the Sadowski state and local housing trust fund, in full or in part, into general revenue to be used for purposes other than affordable housing for the past decade; and

WHEREAS, based on August 2017 estimates, more than \$300 million will be available for appropriation from the Sadowski state and local housing trust funds in Fiscal Year 2018-19; and

WHEREAS, during the regular 2017 Legislative Session, the Florida Legislature created an Affordable Housing Workgroup in Chapter 2017-71, Section 46, Laws of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Affordable Housing Workgroup is tasked with developing recommendations for addressing the state's affordable housing needs, to be presented to and approved by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation and submitted as a report to the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 1, 2018; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Florida Association of Counties, Inc., requests that the Affordable Housing Workgroup include in its final report a recommendation that the Florida Legislature appropriate Sadowski state and local housing trust fund monies solely for Florida's affordable housing programs.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2017, by the membership of the Florida Association of Counties, Inc..



**Commissioner Christopher G. Constance, M.D.,
President, Florida Association of Counties, Inc.**