

RESOLUTION NO. 31-04-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA EXPRESSING ITS OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL 529 (“CONSUMER CHOICE ACT OF 2007) AND URGING THE GOVERNOR, MEMBERS OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, PALM BEACH COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES, THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, AND THE PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO OPPOSE ITS ENACTMENT, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2007, Florida House Representative Anthony Traviesa introduced House Bill 529, known as the Consumer Choice Act of 2007 (“HB529”); and

WHEREAS, HB529 would, among other things (a) prohibit municipalities and counties from negotiating terms and conditions with cable and video service providers wishing to do business within their jurisdiction; (b) negate the authority of municipalities and counties to award cable service franchises and to restrict such operations without an agreement in place; (c) eliminate the ability of citizens to file complaints with their local governments; (d) establish requirements and limitations relating to access to public rights-of-way; and (e) reduce the amount of capacity that may be required by local governments to meet their public, education and government access needs; and

WHEREAS, the Town determines that adoption of this resolution opposing HB529 is in the best interest of the citizens and residents of the Town of Lake Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, as follows:

SECTION 1. The forgoing recitals are ratified as true and incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. For the reasons set forth above, the Town Commission declares its opposition to HB529 and urges Governor Charlie Crist, the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation; the Mayor of each Palm Beach County municipality, the Florida League of Cities, the Palm Beach County League of Cities, and the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners to oppose HB529.

SECTION 3. The Town Commission directs that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Charlie Crist, the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation; the Mayor of each Palm Beach County municipality, the Florida League of Cities, the Palm Beach County League of Cities, and the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Balius, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Daly, and upon being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

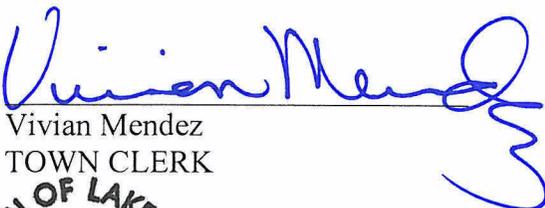
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MAYOR PAUL W. CASTRO	<u>X</u>	___
VICE-MAYOR ED DALY	<u>X</u>	___
COMMISSIONER CHUCK BALIUS	<u>X</u>	___
COMMISSIONER JEFF CAREY	<u>X</u>	___
COMMISSIONER PATRICIA OSTERMAN	<u>X</u>	___

The Town Commission thereupon declared the foregoing Resolution NO. 31-04-07 duly passed and adopted this 18 day of April, 2007.

TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA

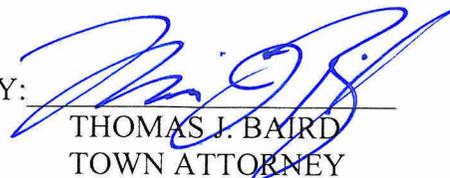
BY: 
PAUL W. CASTRO
MAYOR

ATTEST:


Vivian Mendez
TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF LAKE PARK
(TOWN SEAL)
FLORIDA

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

BY: 
THOMAS J. BAIRD
TOWN ATTORNEY