

**RESOLUTION 2015-04**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WALES OPPOSING CONTINUED REDUCTION IN THE LIBRARY MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAXING UNIT FROM THE 2007 ROLLBACK AND SUPPORTING THE REINSTATEMENT OF THE POLK COUNTY LIBRARY MUNICIPAL SERVICES TAXING UNIT ON UNINCORPORATED RESIDENCES TO THE PRE-ROLL BACK LEVEL OF .25 MILS TO CREATE A MORE EQUITABLE FUNDING COMMITMENT FOR POLK COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES TO ALL POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA RESIDENTS.**

**WHEREAS**, all citizens should be assured the continued excellent services of public libraries in Polk County, wherever they reside in the county; and

**WHEREAS**, the Polk County Library Cooperative, comprised of thirteen municipalities and the Polk County Board of County Commissioners, has provided excellent library services to all residents of Polk County since its inception in 1997; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission recognizes the enormous impact public library service has on people of all ages, races and economic levels providing a return on investment of \$10.18 for every \$1 spent on library services in our state; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission recognizes the Board of County Commissioners' commitment to providing library service to all their residents through the adoption of a Municipal Services Taxing Unit in 2005; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission is opposed to the continued reduction in the Library Municipal Services Taxing Unit from the 2007 rollback rate;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Commission of Lake Wales, Polk County, Florida, to support the reinstatement of the Polk County Library Municipal Services Taxing Unit on unincorporated residences to the pre-roll back level of .25 mils creating more equitable funding commitment for library services to all Polk County, Florida residents. It is this body's recognition that all residents, current and future, should continue to receive excellent public library services with adequate revenues generated from all resources.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Lake Wales City Commission, Lake Wales, Polk County, Florida, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2015.

  
Eugene Fultz, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Clara VanBlargan, MMC, City Clerk