

RESOLUTION 16-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARCO ISLAND, FLORIDA, REAFFIRMING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF LOCAL BASED FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO MARCO ISLAND RESIDENTS AND VISITORS.

WHEREAS, the City of Marco Island was established to provide local control and self-determination of services; and

WHEREAS, as provided in Article VIII, Section 2(b) of the State Constitution, municipalities shall have the governmental, corporate, and proprietary powers to enable them to conduct municipal government, perform municipal functions, and render municipal services, and may exercise any power for municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, the health safety and welfare is the primary role of municipal government; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marco Island considers Fire Rescue and EMS as an essential municipal function; and

WHEREAS, the quality of Fire and EMS service within the municipality of Marco Island is a home rule issue and should not be determined by outside special interest groups and agencies; and

WHEREAS, Countywide Consolidation of Fire and EMS service would diminish or eliminate local control of a critical essential service affecting the taxpayers of Marco Island.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Marco Island, Florida that:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. The City Council firmly believes that Countywide consolidation of Fire and EMS services will adversely affect the quality of Fire and EMS services to Marco Island residents and visitors, and appears designed primarily to provide economic tax relief and better service to certain areas of the County at the expense of taxpayers on Marco Island and other areas.

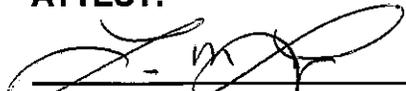
SECTION 3. The premise that one Countywide service model fits all is flawed and contrary to the purpose and creation of municipal governments in Florida.

SECTION 4. City Council is adamant that the Marco Island Fire Rescue Department should remain under local City control as it is a municipal function and opposes consolidation attempts by special interest outside groups and agencies, to bring these critical lifesaving services down to the lowest common denominator.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Passed in open and regular session of the City Council of the City of Marco Island, Florida this 4th day of January 2016.

ATTEST:



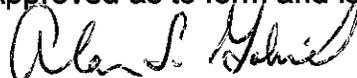
Laura M. Litzan, City Clerk

CITY OF MARCO ISLAND, FLORIDA

By: 

Robert C. Brown, Chairman

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



Alan L. Gabriel, City Attorney