

**RESOLUTION R-13-052**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING FINDINGS; CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM ON THE JUNE 18, 2013, SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE BOARD MAY GRANT AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTIONS TO NEW BUSINESSES AND EXPANSIONS OF EXISTING BUSINESSES; PROVIDING A BALLOT QUESTION; PROVIDING FOR EFFECT OF APPROVAL OF THE REFERENDUM; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 196.1995, *Florida Statutes*, and Section 3, Article VII of the Florida Constitution, provide that the Board of County Commissioners (the “Board”) may call a referendum to determine whether the Board may grant economic development ad valorem tax exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses in Manatee County; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare to promote economic development within the County by providing financial incentives that will encourage new business to relocate to the County and encourage existing businesses to expand in the County, thereby creating employment opportunities that will benefit the entire community; and

**WHEREAS**, granting economic development ad valorem tax exemptions to qualifying businesses will provide Manatee County with an additional economic development incentive to encourage new businesses to relocate to Manatee County and to encourage existing businesses to expand within Manatee County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:**

**SECTION 1. FINDINGS.** The Board hereby makes the following findings:

1. The recitals set forth above are true and correct;
2. It is in the best interest of Manatee County, and furthers the public health, safety and welfare of the County, to call a referendum, on the June 18, 2013, Special Election Ballot, to determine whether the Board may grant economic development ad valorem tax exemptions to new businesses and expansions of existing businesses in Manatee County, as authorized in Section 196.1995, *Florida Statutes*, and Section 3, Article VII of the Florida Constitution.

**SECTION 2. CALL FOR REFERENDUM.** Pursuant to Section 196.1995, *Florida Statutes*, and Section 3, Article VII of the Florida Constitution, the Board hereby calls a referendum of the qualified electors residing in Manatee County, Florida, to be held on June 18, 2013, to determine whether to authorize the Board to grant economic development tax

exemptions to qualifying new businesses and qualifying expansions of existing businesses in Manatee County.

**SECTION 3. BALLOT QUESTION.** Pursuant to Section 196.1995, *Florida Statutes*, and Section 3, Article VII of the Florida Constitution, the Board hereby directs the Supervisor of Elections of Manatee County, Florida, to place on the June 18, 2013, Special Election Ballot the following ballot question to be voted upon by the electors of Manatee County, Florida:

**TITLE**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTIONS

**QUESTION**

SHALL THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THIS COUNTY BE AUTHORIZED TO GRANT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 3, ARTICLE VII OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION, PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS TO NEW BUSINESSES AND EXPANSIONS OF EXISTING BUSINESSES THAT ARE EXPECTED TO CREATE NEW, FULL-TIME JOBS IN THE COUNTY?

\_\_\_\_\_ **YES – For authority to grant exemptions.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **NO – Against authority to grant exemptions.**

**SECTION 4. EFFECT OF APPROVAL.** If the referendum is approved by a majority of the electors voting at the June 18, 2013, election, the Board may, in its discretion, grant economic development tax exemptions to qualifying new businesses and to qualifying expansions of existing businesses in Manatee County, in accordance with the requirements of Section 196.1995, *Florida Statutes*, as amended from time to time, and other applicable law.

**SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.** If any section, sentence, clause, or other provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not be construed as to render invalid or unconstitutional the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, or provisions of this Resolution.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

*[Execution Page to Follow]*

**ADOPTED WITH A QUORUM PRESENT AND VOTING THIS THE 12th DAY OF MARCH, 2013.**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: *Larry Bustle*  
Larry Bustle, Chairman

ATTEST: R.B. Shore, Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: *Chibi Jessner*  
Deputy Clerk

