

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-17**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULF BREEZE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE CONTINUATION OF THE ONE-HALF CENT SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY SALES SURTAX TO BE USED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OF SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

**WHEREAS**, in 1997, Santa Rosa County voters approved a one-half cent school capital outlay sales surtax to fund construction of new school district facilities, renovations and additions to existing school district facilities, land acquisitions and improvements, and the upgrading and equipping of school district facilities for technology; and

**WHEREAS**, renewal of the tax was approved by Santa Rosa County voters in 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, the one-half cent surtax will expire on December 31, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Rosa County is now the sixth fastest growing county in the state. Because of this growth, the School System has experienced tremendous growth over the past several years and has built two schools over the past ten years, along with an additional 460,000 square feet since 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, the student population is ever increasing, averaging approximately 300 additional students per year over the past four years, with approximately 730 additional students during the 2016-17 school term, the highest number during the past eight years; and

**WHEREAS**, if the school system is to maintain its high quality, it must keep pace with growth by continuing to build new facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board of Santa Rosa County is seeking to renew the surtax for a ten-year period beginning January 1, 2019. The electors of Santa Rosa County, Florida, will consider this issue in a special referendum to be held on March 28, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council supports renewal of the one-half cent sales surtax set to expire on December 31, 2018, and extending the levy of the surtax for a ten-year period.

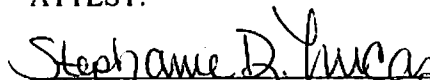
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULF BREEZE, FLORIDA:**

That the Gulf Breeze City Council supports the renewal of the one-half cent school capital outlay sales surtax and encourages all its citizens to also support this issue.


**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULF BREEZE, SANTA ROSA COUNTY, FLORIDA, ON THIS 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017.**

CITY OF GULF BREEZE, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

  
Stephanie D. Lucas, City Clerk



  
Matt E. Dannheisser, Mayor