

RESOLUTION 24-_____

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO NOT MAKE A FINDING OF CRITICAL NEED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.9.3.1(c) OF THE BREVARD COUNTY CHARTER IF FY 2025 REVENUE IS PROJECTED TO EXCEED FY 2024 REVENUE ABSENT SUCH A FINDING

WHEREAS, Sec. 2.9.3.1 of the Brevard County Charter sets “limitation on growth in ad valorem tax revenues,” commonly referred to as the “charter cap;” and

WHEREAS, 73% of republican, democratic, and non-affiliated voters approved this cap by referendum in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the charter cap prevents the Board from increasing a millage rate in a manner that would cause budgeted revenue to increase by the lesser of 3% or the consumer price index; and

WHEREAS, the Charter contains a limited exception to this cap if the Board finds that such revenue increases are necessary because of a specified “emergency or critical need;” and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners intends to adhere to the will of the voters, and not interpret “critical need” in such a manner as to create a virtually limitless loophole; and

WHEREAS, outside of a State or Federally declared emergency, a true critical need will not arise in the current year if revenue exceeds the previous fiscal year absent such a finding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, does hereby

DECLARE its intention to adopt a fiscal year 2024-2025 budget that will NOT require a finding of a critical need under Sec. 2.9.3.1, Brevard County Charter, should budgeted revenue exceed that of the previous year absent such a finding.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 20th Day of February, 2024.

ATTEST:

RACHEL SADOFF, CLERK

JASON STEELE, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FL