

Resolution 2014-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF VOLUSIA COUNTY FLORIDA, DIRECTING A REFERENDUM TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 26, 2014, PURSUANT TO SECTION 212.055(6), FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE DULY QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, A QUESTION REGARDING THE EXTENSION OF THE LEVY OF A DISCRETIONARY SALES SURTAX IN VOLUSIA COUNTY OF ONE-HALF CENT FOR SPECIFIED PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR PROPER NOTICE OF SUCH ELECTION; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN INCIDENTAL ACTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2001, the electors of Volusia County approved a sales surtax levy of 0.5 percent (one-half percent)(one-half cent) pursuant to sections 212.054 and 212.055(6), Florida Statutes, for a fifteen (15) year period for the limited purpose of capital expenditures or fixed capital costs, associated construction-related costs, technology implementation at schools and bond indebtedness financing costs;

WHEREAS, that levy shall expire on December 31, 2016, unless extended by the electors of Volusia County;

WHEREAS, the critical need for the extension of the levy was established by a Citizens' Capital Needs Committee that met five times between the months of September 30, 2013, through January 13, 2014, and approved a recommended capital projects list that identified new capital project needs for an additional fifteen (15) year period of 2017 through 2031 ("New Capital Project Needs Plan");

WHEREAS, on January 28, 2014, the Volusia County School Board ("School Board") reviewed and approved the recommendation of the Citizens' Capital Needs Committee;

WHEREAS, the capital revenue sources for the School District of Volusia County, Florida, for financing the costs of school facility renovation, replacement and construction and technology purchases are inadequate without the continuation of the one-half cent sales surtax levy;

WHEREAS, the School Board is authorized by section 212.055(6), Florida Statutes, to levy a one-half cent sales surtax to fund capital outlay projects and technology implementation, including the payment of bond indebtedness and any interest accrued thereto, upon approval by a majority vote of the electors of Volusia County;

WHEREAS, the School Board desires to limit the financial impact of its capital outlay and technology implementation programs on local property owners by minimizing the use of ad valorem taxes to pay the costs of such improvements; and