

## RESOLUTION 2018-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY ST. AUGUSTINE, URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT SB 658, AUTHORIZING COUNTIES TO USE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT TAX REVENUES FOR COSTS RELATING TO PUBLIC FACILITIES, DEFINED AS MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS THAT HAVE A LIFE EXPECTANCY OF 5 OR MORE YEARS, INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION, SANITARY SEWER, SOLID WASTE, DRAINAGE, POTABLE WATER, AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES.

**WHEREAS**, counties within the state of Florida have long been authorized to enact a tourism development tax, the proceeds of which could only be used for a static list of identified tourism uses such as convention centers, aquariums, beach renourishment, stadiums, and the costs of advertising for tourism purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the impacts on tourism for a historic city such as St. Augustine do not fit into the conventional model of constructing new sports facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of St. Augustine, as the oldest continuously occupied city in the United States, hosts millions of tourists yearly who come to the City to enjoy its historic architecture and ambiance; and

**WHEREAS**, with a population of only 14,000 people, the City of St. Augustine faces unique infrastructure needs to accommodate a tourism draw far beyond what its residents can support; and

**WHEREAS**, the ability of the City, through cooperation with St. Johns County, to harness some of the Tourist Development Tax revenues to offset the costs associated with providing a living history experience for visitors, is an appropriate and necessary change in state law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Commission of the  
**City of St. Augustine:**

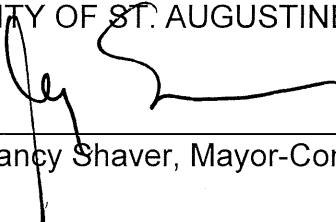
SECTION 1: The City Commission of the City of St. Augustine urges all members of the Florida Legislature to support the adoption of SB 658.

SECTION 2: The City Commission of the City of St. Augustine further directs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Florida Legislative Delegation, Cabinet, and any other interested parties.

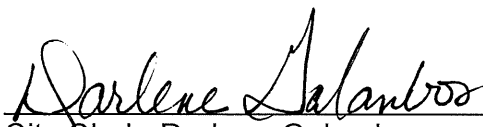
SECTION 3: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

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**ADOPTED** in Regular Session of the City Commission for the City of St. Augustine, Florida, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.

CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA

  
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Nancy Shaver, Mayor-Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk, Darlene Galambos  
(Corporate Seal)

