

RESOLUTION NO. 2139-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA  
SUPPORTING HOME RULE FOR PENSION PLAN REFORMS

**WHEREAS**, the City of Winter Park opposes unfunded state mandates in that mandates impose state-initiated policy changes and programs onto the City without providing any funding to pay for them; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislature has imposed significant unfunded mandates onto the City relative to the operation of the City's police officer and firefighter pension plans by mandating minimum pension benefit levels and mandating the use of revenues to fund pension benefit enhancements; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has limited ability to control pension costs because of state laws and interpretations of those laws by the state Division of Retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, the City supports flexibility in state law that would allow cities to deal with their local problems locally, and needs for the legislature to remove barriers in state law that prohibit this flexibility.


**WHEREAS**, the City is not seeking a handout from the legislature but is instead requesting the legislature to untie its hands so that it can address its pension issues locally and in a manner that best serves its citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA:**

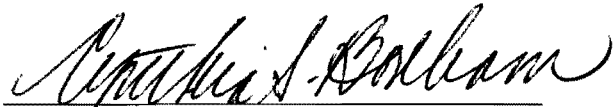
- Section 1.** That the City hereby supports police and firefighter pension reform that allows for home rule.
- Section 2.** That the City hereby requests the legislature to remove itself from the local collective bargaining process with City police and firefighters.
- Section 3.** That the City hereby requests the legislature to remove minimum pension benefits standards for police and firefighter pensions and allow the City to use insurance premium tax revenues to pay for pension benefits already provided to police and firefighters.
- Section 4.** That the City Clerk is authorized to transmit a copy of this resolution to Governor Rick Scott, the Florida Legislature, and the Florida League of Cities, Inc.

**Section 5.** That this resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

Adopted by the City Commission of the City of Winter Park, Florida, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014.

  
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Mayor Kenneth W. Bradley

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk Cynthia S. Bonham, MMC