

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-18

A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF GREENACRES, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN THEIR EFFORT TO WORK WITH THE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ATLANTA BRAVES BASEBALL FRANCHISE TO RETURN TO PALM BEACH COUNTY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners is considering an effort to work with the Atlanta Braves Major League Baseball Franchise (“Braves”) to return to Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, the Braves were previously located in West Palm Beach for 34 years building a strong local following of fans and supporters; and

WHEREAS, the Braves are one of the oldest baseball franchises winning 3 World Series and was the team of local resident Hank Aaron #44 who broke Babe Ruth’s career home run record in 1974; and

WHEREAS, a Braves Spring Training site in South Central Palm Beach County would provide an opportunity for residents, families, children and visitors alike to attend professional baseball games and provide a venue for other sporting and cultural activities to the City of Greenacres and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, a Braves Spring Training site in John Prince Park would also provide a tremendous economic impact to the City and surrounding communities, as well as, additional tourist bed tax revenue to Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, significant County and State economic development investments have been made in other parts of Palm Beach County including Scripps, Roger Dean Stadium and the recent approval of the Houston Astros/Washington Nationals Spring Training Facility; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENACRES, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Greenacres hereby supports Palm Beach County to consider locating a Major League Spring Training Facility in South Central Palm Beach County within John Prince Park.

Section 2. The City Clerk is directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners and other interested parties as directed by the City Manager.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 2nd of May, 2016.

Voted

Samuel J. Ferreri
Mayor

Jonathan G. Pearce
Deputy Mayor

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Attest:

Denise McGrew
City Clerk

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Councilman, District II

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Councilwoman, District III

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James D. Stokes
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