



# TOWN OF ST. LEO

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## RESOLUTION 15-04

### A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF ST. LEO TOWN COMMISSION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT'S DECISION TO MOVE ITS ESTABLISHED HEADQUARTERS.

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2015, the Southwest Florida Water Management District (District), without prior notice to city or county government within the District, announced its plan to move the officially designated headquarters of the District from the Brooksville-Tampa Regional Airport in Hernando County to Tampa; and,

WHEREAS, the statutorily mandated resource management responsibilities of the District have been successfully and effectively carried out at its Brooksville headquarters in Hernando County and three field offices located in the cities of Tampa, Bartow and Sarasota for over 50 years; and

WHEREAS, moving the headquarters to Tampa, which is approximately 35 miles south of its current Brooksville location, will not result in more effective delivery of services provided by the 10,000 square mile District or bring decision-making closer to the 4.7 million affected public; and

WHEREAS, the District's water resource challenges are significant, urgent and district-wide and moving the headquarters to Tampa will provide no identifiable advantage to resolving them; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ST. LEO TOWN COMMISSION:

SECTION 1: The Governing Board of the District is hereby strongly urged to maintain its official headquarters at its existing Brooksville office located at 2379 Broad Street in Brooksville, Florida now and into the future; and,

SECTION 2: Copies of this Resolution shall be provided to members of the Southwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board, the Florida Governor, Speaker of the House, President of the Senate, and the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners, Brooksville City Council, and other delegations that may have interest in this matter.

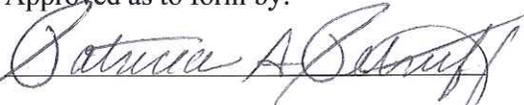
SECTION 3: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED in Regular Session this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015 by the St. Leo Town Commission.

By:  Mayor  
Richard H. Christmas

Attest:  Town Clerk  
Joan Miller, MMC

Approved as to form by:

  
Patricia Petruff, Esquire, Town Attorney

