

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-02**  
**of the**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE**  
**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT**  
**to**

**SUPPORT THE VERO BEACH ELECTRIC SALE TO FLORIDA POWER AND LIGHT (FPL)**

AT A MEETING OF THE INDIAN RIVER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT, HELD AT 1801 27<sup>TH</sup> STREET, BUILDING A, VERO BEACH, FL 32960, ON AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2018,

RESOLUTION - SUPPORTING THE SALE OF VERO ELECTRIC TO FPL AND REQUESTING THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO ONCE AGAIN APPROVE THE SALE FOLLOWING IT'S OCT. 9-10 HEARING.

**WHEREAS**, Indian River County Hospital District (the "District") is a special taxing district created by the Legislature of the State of Florida, Chapter 2003-382, Laws of Florida and located in Indian River County, Florida.

**WHEREAS**, the District is organized and operated to establish, construct, purchase, operate, maintain and lease such health facilities and provide health and medical services as are necessary and desirable for the preservation of the health of the residents of the District and for the good of the public of the District, all of which is set forth in the District's enabling legislation.

**WHEREAS**, the IRCHD owns, on behalf of the taxpayers, healthcare facilities and other medical facilities within Indian River County;

**WHEREAS**, the IRCHD collects approximately \$14 million dollars annually in ad valorem taxes from county residents;

**WHEREAS**, the IRCHD is funding, through taxpayer dollars, the safety net for indigent healthcare at IRCHD owned facilities and many other public and non-profit facilities throughout Indian River County;

**WHEREAS**, the healthcare providers receiving IRCHD funding with facilities on Vero Electric include Indian River Medical Center, University of Florida Psychiatric Clinic, Mental Health Association, Visiting Nurse Association, Indian River County Health Department, Healthy Start Coalition, Treasure Coast Community Health, New Horizons, and The Mental Health Collaborative. This includes every funded agency as well as the offices of the Indian River County Hospital District;

**WHEREAS**, utilities are a significant cost to the funded agencies, therefore affecting the cost of healthcare for the indigent population and, therefore affecting the ad valorem taxes assessed by the IRCHD;

**WHEREAS**, the IRCHD owned facilities and the facilities of the majority of the IRCHD funded agencies facilities are existing City of Vero Beach Electric customers located outside the city limits of Vero Beach;

**WHEREAS**, the Indian River County Hospital District has no governmental body to appeal to for relief from the significant rate disparity between Vero Electric and FPL;

**WHEREAS**, the Indian River County Hospital District has no other protection or government accountability other than to appeal to the Florida Public Service Commission at this point despite the Trustee's fiduciary duty to citizens;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Indian River County Hospital District Board of Trustees, that we humbly request that the Florida Public Service Commission once again approve the sale of Vero Electric to FPL as negotiated and agreed upon by multiple parties and allow all Vero Beach Electric Customers, including our citizens and funded healthcare agencies, to experience a potential 28 percent lower electric rate, saving our County an estimated \$24 million a year.

Dated: AUGUST 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

By:   
Marybeth Cunningham, Chairwoman

**ATTEST:**

  
Ann Marie McCrystal, Secretary