

RESOLUTION 2018-03

**A RESOLUTION OF MEMBERS OF THE LEE COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION REPRESENTING LEHIGH
ACRES AND THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
LEHIGH ACRES MUNICIPAL SERVICES IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT TO SERVE AS THE FOUNDATION FOR THE
STATE OF FLORIDA LEGISLATURE'S DESIRED
METHODOLOGY FOR THE EVENTUAL INCORPORATION
OF THE UNINCORPORATED AREA KNOWN AS LEHIGH
ACRES**

WHEREAS, the State Legislature is empowered under the Constitution of the State of Florida to regulate and provide for orderly governance of the State of Florida with the consent of its citizens, and to create, maintain, dissolve, and otherwise oversee units of local government;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners (hereafter referred to as the "Board") of Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District (hereafter referred to as the "LA-MSID") is authorized and empowered by Chapters 189, 197, and 298, F.S., and Chapter 2015-202 and Chapter 2017-216, Laws of Florida (hereafter referred to as the "Special Acts", to exercise the Powers authorized by the Special Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board is authorized to expand its legal powers from time to time; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 2015-202, Florida Statutes allows for LA-MSID to provide up to 5 (five) new powers (signage, planning, streetlights, sidewalks and water & sewer) following an fully-executed agreement with Lee County and a referendum of the affected voters; and

WHEREAS, LA-MSID is currently in negotiations with Lee County to provide signage powers by execution an agreement and providing for a referendum of the voters in the November 2018 General Election; and

WHEREAS, The State of Florida Legislature's underlying intention of Chapter 2015-202 was to demonstrate LA-MSID's ability to acquire and implement these new powers to serve as the foundation for eventual municipal incorporation, through LA-MSID; and

WHEREAS, LA-MSID will continue to monitor and evaluate the financial conditions and circumstances, and to act accordingly regarding incorporation as expressed through state law and norms.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Lee County Legislative Delegation and the Board of Commissioners of Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District as follows:

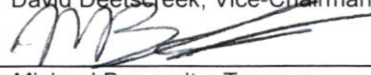
The passage of Chapter 2015-202, Laws of Florida was a monumental day for Lehigh Acres, which created the opportunity for the ultimate plan for municipal incorporation. As the population and the taxable value of Lehigh Acres continue to grow, LA-MSID will continue to work with Lee County to expand its powers. When the time is right, LA-MSID will be the political vehicle to petition the State and affected voters for the municipal incorporation of Lehigh Acres. The Municipality would originate, reorganize, grow and operate from what is now known as the Lehigh Acres Municipal Services Improvement District.

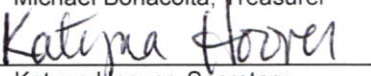
THIS RESOLUTION INTRODUCED and ADOPTED by the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS on December 11, 2017.

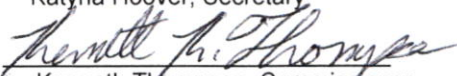
LEHIGH ACRES MUNICIPAL SERVICES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

By: 
Michael J. Welch, Chairman


Attest: 
David Deetscreek, Vice-Chairman

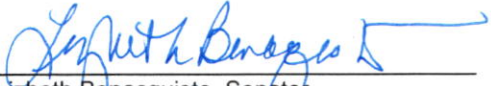

Michael Bonacolta, Treasurer

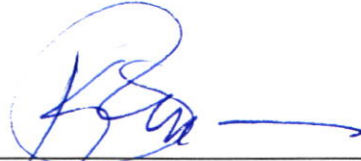

Katyna Hoover, Secretary


Kenneth Thompson, Commissioner



Attest: 
Matthew Caldwell, Representative
Florida House of Representatives District 79


Lizbeth Benacquisto, Senator
Florida Senate, District 27


Kathleen Passidomo, Senator
Florida Senate, District 28