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A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC., URGING THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MUNICIPAL WEBSITES TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) became law in 1990 and requires public entities to make their programs, services and activities accessible to individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to provide increased transparency and resources for their residents, cities are providing more information on their municipal websites; and

WHEREAS, over the last two years, there has been a steady increase in legal claims challenging business and public entity websites as not being in compliance with the ADA; and

WHEREAS, because of these legal claims, cities are faced with a difficult decision of scaling back information posted on their websites or face liability exposure; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice initiated and then halted rulemaking to clarify website accessibility standards, which contributed to the rising ADA legal claims.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.:

Section 1. The Florida League of Cities, Inc., urges President Donald Trump and Congress to direct the Department of Justice to establish a clear standard to make government websites ADA compliant and decrease the costly litigation cities and other stakeholders are facing.

Section 2. A copy of this resolution be sent to President Donald Trump, the Florida Congressional Delegation, the U.S. attorney general, the National League of Cities and the membership of the Florida League of Cities, Inc.

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption and shall remain in effect until repealed and hereby repeals all conflicting resolutions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Florida League of Cities, Inc., in conference assembled at the League's 93rd Annual Conference, at the Orlando World Center Marriott, Orlando, Florida, this 17th Day of August 2019.

Leo E. Longworth, President
Florida League of Cities, Inc.

Commissioner, City of Bartow

ATTEST: _____
Michael Sittig, Executive Director
Florida League of Cities, Inc.

Submitted by: FLC Staff