

RESOLUTION NO. 146-2023

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF TOWN OF
PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR
THE EXTENSION AND CONTINUATION OF THE PALM
BEACH COUNTY ONE-CENT SALES SURTAX TO FUND
LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS THROUGH
DECEMBER 31, 2036; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, in November 2016, the voters of Palm Beach County approved an increase to the local sales tax from 6 cents per dollar to 7 cents per dollar; and

WHEREAS, the one-cent sales surtax increase became effective on January 1, 2017, and will automatically sunset upon the earlier occurrence of either December 31, 2026, or the generation of \$2.7 billion in total revenue; and

WHEREAS, the generated one-cent sales surtax revenue is divided between the School District of Palm Beach County (50%), Palm Beach County (30%), and the 39 Palm Beach County municipalities (20% shared amongst them); and

WHEREAS, the generated one-cent sales surtax revenue may only be utilized for infrastructure projects such as roads, sidewalks, bridges, schools, parks, and government buildings and facilities; and

WHEREAS, infrastructure projects provide access to clean water, electricity, transportation, and other essential services, which directly impact the health and well-being of individuals, families, and the wider community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Palm Beach has received one-cent sales surtax revenue in the amount of \$4,418,358 since January 1, 2017, which has allowed the Town to fund a portion of the townwide undergrounding project and simultaneously maintain a lower property tax millage rate; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Palm Beach recognizes the direct and beneficial impact the one-cent sales surtax revenue for infrastructure projects has provided to Palm Beach residents, as well as the schools of Palm Beach County and the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Palm Beach supports a collaboration with the School District of Palm Beach County, Palm Beach County, and the other municipalities of Palm Beach County to extend and continue the one-cent sales surtax revenue for infrastructure projects beyond its current automatic sunset deadlines; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Palm Beach specifically supports seeking voter approval to continue the one-cent sales surtax revenue for infrastructure projects until December 31, 2036.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated into this section of this resolution as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2. The Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach hereby expresses its support for seeking voter approval to continue the one-cent sales surtax revenue for infrastructure projects until December 31, 2036.

Section 3. The Town Manager is directed to forward this Resolution to each of the Palm Beach County Commissioners with a copy to the Palm Beach County Administrator, the Palm Beach County League of Cities, and the School District of Palm Beach County.

Section 4. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED in a regular, adjourned session of the Town Council of the Town of Palm Beach assembled this 14th day of November, 2023.

Danielle H. Moore, Mayor

Margaret A. Zeidman, Town Council President

Bobbie D. Lindsay, Council President Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Julie Araskog, Town Council Member

Edward A. Cooney, Town Council Member

Kelly Churney, Acting Town Clerk

Lewis S.W. Crampton, Town Council Member