RESOLUTION NO. 2023-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LACROSSE, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION OF THE FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE ONE PERCENT SALES TAX FOR WILD SPACES PUBLIC PLACES AND INFRASTRUCTURE; ESTABLISHING AND SUPPORTING PROPOSED ALLOCATION AND DISTRIBUTION AMONGST ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA CITIES; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2016, Alachua County, Florida voters approved "Wild Spaces Public Places," an eight-year, one-half percent sales tax to be collected in the County to acquire and improve conservation lands and create, improve, and maintain parks and recreational facilities, and for infrastructure, within the County;

WHEREAS, Alachua County, Florida placed a referendum on the ballot for November 8, 2022 whereby a one-percent sales tax was to be imposed, if passed, for the purpose of funding Wild Spaces Public Places and infrastructure starting on January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the ballot initiative was passed by a majority of voters in the November 8, 2022 election; and

WHEREAS, the Alachua County Commission has proposed \$3 million in grant funds to the City of Gainesville, Florida and an additional \$3 million collectively to all nine (9) Alachua County Cities;

WHEREAS, eight (8) Alachua County Cities, have agreed upon a proposed distribution of the \$3 million dollar grant funds to be awarded collectively to the cities in Alachua County;

WHEREAS, the proposed distribution is the in the best interest of the citizens of the Town of LaCrosse, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Alachua County League of Cities (ACLC) approved an agreed upon distribution of the funds pledged to cities in Alachua County, Florida;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of LaCrosse, Florida as follows:

Section 1. The above recitals are true.

Section 2. The Town hereby expresses its support of a unified plan for the allocation and distribution of Wild Spaces Public Places grant funds as agreed upon and described below:

Municipality	Grant Amount
City of Alachua	\$333,333
City of Archer	\$333,333

City of Gainesville		
City of Hawthorne	\$333,333	
City of High Springs	\$333,333	
Town of La Crosse	\$333,333	
Town of Micanopy	\$333,333	
City of Newberry	\$333,333	
City of Waldo	\$333,333	

Section 3. The Town finds that participation in the receipt of Wild Spaces Public Places grant funds would be in the best interest of the town and its citizens.

Section 4. The Mayor and the Town Clerk, as attesting witness, are hereby authorized to execute any formal agreement implementing or supporting a unified plan for the allocation and distribution of any Wild Spaces Public Places grant monies and all other necessary and customary documents in furtherance thereof on behalf of the Town.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED, by an affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum present of the Town Council of the Town of LaCrosse, Florida, at a regular meeting, this 14th day of February, 2023.

BY THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF LACROSSE, FLORIDA:

C. Dianne Dubberly, Mayor

Approved as To Form And Legality

John Maines, Town Attorney

Attest, By the Clerk of the Town of LaCrosse, Florida:

Crystal Phillips Town Clerk