ORDINANCE NO. 2023-11

AN ORDINANCE OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL MOVING THE DATE FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD CONCURRENT WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY; AMENDING THE CANDIDATE QUALIFYING PERIOD; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Village of Wellington's Charter provides that the regular Village elections are to be held on the second Tuesday in March of each election year and any required runoff is to be held on the fourth Tuesday in March; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Wellington's Charter further provides that the qualifying period shall be no sooner that noon the last Tuesday in January nor later than noon on the second Tuesday in February of the year in which the election is to be held; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections has requested that all municipalities move the dates of their municipal election to March 19, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Section 101.75 Florida Statutes, provides that the governing body of a municipality may, by ordinance, move the date of a municipal election to a date concurrent with any statewide or countywide election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1: The Village of Wellington hereby amends its 2024 Municipal Election schedule as follows:

a) Wellington Municipal Election will be held on March 19, 2024.
b) Runoff election, if required will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024.
c) Qualifying periods for candidates will be from noon on November 7, 2023 to noon on November 21, 2023.

SECTION 2. Nothing herein is intended to create a permanent change to the Village Charter. Following the March 19, 2024 election, and any subsequent runoff, Wellington's municipal elections shall thereafter comply with its Charter.

SECTION 3. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance conflict with any section, paragraph, clause or phrase of any prior Wellington Ordinance, Resolution, or Municipal Code provision; then in that event the provisions of this Ordinance shall prevail to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4: Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole as a whole or any portion or part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption of the Wellington Council following second reading.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2023 upon first reading.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2023 on second and final reading.

WELLINGTON

	FOR	**AGAINST**
BY: _____ Anne Gerwig, Mayor	_____	_____
_____ Michael Drahos, Vice Mayor	_____	_____
_____ John McGovern, Councilman	_____	_____
_____ Michael Napoleone, Councilman	_____	_____
_____ Tanya Siskind, Councilwoman	_____	_____

ATTEST:

BY: _____
Chevelle D. Addie, Village Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

BY: _____
Laurie S. Cohen, Village Attorney