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**RESOLUTION NO. R2015-87**

**A RESOLUTION OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR THE ELECTION, AND RUN-OFF ELECTION, IF NECESSARY, AS WELL AS THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR QUALIFYING FOR OFFICE; AUTHORIZING THE PALM BEACH COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS TO CONDUCT ALL LOGIC AND ACCURACY TESTS FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION; CANVASSING FOR THE MARCH 15, 2015 ELECTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Wellington Charter designates the second Tuesday in March as the uniform election date for any election relating to a municipal office; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2015, Governor Rick Scott signed a bill scheduling the Presidential Preference Primary ("PPP") for March 15, 2016, and the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections ("SOE") requested that all municipalities move the dates of their municipal elections to March 15, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, In compliance with such request and in accordance with Florida Statutes Section 101.75, the Wellington Village Council adopted Ordinance No. 2015-06 moving the date for the Municipal Election to be held concurrent with the Presidential Preference Primary; and amending the Candidate Qualifying Period; and

**WHEREAS**, the change in the date of the municipal election to coincide with the date of the PPP requires that municipal candidates must qualify with the Village Clerk no sooner than noon on November 24, 2015 and not later than noon on December 8, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, a Municipal Election is being held for the Mayor's seat and Council Seats 1, 3 and 4 on March 15, 2016, with a possible Run-Off election to be held on March 29, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Wellington, Florida's Council desires to establish election procedures and designate election officials, inspectors and polling locations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Wellington will be submitting proposed Charter Amendments to the voters on March 15, 2016.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL** that:

**SECTION 1.** Notice is hereby given that a Municipal Election will be held for the

1 Mayor's Seat and Council Seats 1, 3 and 4 on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, with a Run-Off  
2 Election, if necessary, scheduled for March 29, 2016.

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4 **SECTION 2.** Any qualified elector wishing to become a candidate for Mayor,  
5 Council Seats 1, 3 or 4 must qualify with the Wellington Village Clerk no sooner than  
6 noon, Tuesday, November 24, 2015 and no later than noon, Tuesday, December 8,  
7 2015.

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9 **SECTION 3.** The Wellington Village Clerk shall serve as the Municipal  
10 Supervisor of Elections and shall supervise the conduct of the Municipal Election/Run-  
11 Off Election in accordance with the State of Florida Elections Laws and the Village of  
12 Wellington Charter.

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14 **SECTION 4.** Because the municipal elections are being held concurrently with  
15 the Presidential Preference Primary ("PPP"), which is a Federal Election, the Palm  
16 Beach County Supervisor of Elections ("SOE") will be responsible for the following:

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18 (a) The SOE will secure all polling locations for that election. Wellington's Village  
19 Clerk will be responsible for her normal municipal activities if there is a municipal  
20 run-off, including assigning and paying poll workers, polling locations, delivery  
21 and pickup of equipment and precinct ballot printing.  
22 (b) The same supplies used for the PPP will also be used for municipal elections.  
23 (c) SOE will have a full support staff in the field (poll worker clerks and technicians).  
24 (d) The County Canvassing Board will be canvassing all ballots and the SOE's staff  
25 will tabulate ballots and provide results as usual.  
26 (e) A post-election audit will be done by the County Canvassing Board.  
27 (f) If there is a municipal recount, the Wellington Village Clerk will be responsible for  
28 the administration of a recount, along with SOE staff's assistance, as usual.  
29 (g) Wellington will be responsible for securing poll workers and polling locations for  
30 run-off elections.  
31 (h) The SOE will provide Wellington's Village Clerk with a list of poll workers in case  
32 of a run-off election.  
33 (i) The SOE will provide a list of polling locations to Wellington's Village Clerk in  
34 case of a run-off election.

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36 **SECTION 5.** In the event a run-off election is necessary, the Wellington Village  
37 Clerk and Wellington Councilmembers who are not candidates for election shall serve  
38 as the Village of Wellington Canvassing Board for the purpose of conducting the  
39 Municipal Run-Off Election, unless otherwise provided by the Village Charter.

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41 **SECTION 6.** The Village of Wellington will be proposing the following four (4)  
42 amendments to the Village's Charter to the voters at the March 15, 2016 election:  
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1 (a) VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 1: FILLING  
2 OF VACANCIES FOR MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS:

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4 Shall all vacancies on the village council be filled in the same way as  
5 Mayor?

6 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes

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8 \_\_\_\_\_ No

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10 (b) VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 2:  
11 INCLUSION OF THE EQUESTRIAN PRESERVE AREA WITHIN THE  
12 CHARTER:

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14 Shall the Charter be amended to include a provision protecting the  
15 Equestrian Preserve Area?

16 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes

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18 \_\_\_\_\_ No

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21 (c) VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 3: VILLAGE  
22 CANVASSING BOARD:

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24 Shall the canvassing board be composed of a county commissioner,  
25 judge and the Village Clerk?

26 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes

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28 \_\_\_\_\_ No

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31 (d) VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 4: PROHIBIT  
32 COMMERCIAL TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY USES WITHIN THE  
33 EQUESTRIAN PRESERVE

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35 Other than bed and breakfasts, shall commercial transient occupancy  
36 be prohibited within the Equestrian Preserve?

37 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes

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39 \_\_\_\_\_ No

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41 **SECTION 7.** The Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections Office is  
42 designated to tabulate the ballots cast by the Village of Wellington Municipal Election  
43 and Municipal Run-Off Election, if necessary.  
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**SECTION.** The Wellington Village Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections upon its adoption.

**SECTION 9.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2015.

**ATTEST:**

# WELLINGTON

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Awilda Rodriguez, Wellington Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bob Margolis, Mayor

**APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Laurie Cohen, Village Attorney