

RESOLUTION #R-34-17

**MARATHON COUNTY OPPOSITION ON
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU (LBR) 2403/ 2**

WHEREAS, Marathon County recognizes the need to maintain proper and safe highways, and

WHEREAS, Under current law, the governing body of a municipality or county may enact an ordinance imposing an annual flat municipal or county registration fee on all motor vehicles registered in this state which are customarily kept in the municipality or county. The fees collected are required to be used for transportation-related purposes only.

WHEREAS, Under this bill, a municipality or county that proposes to impose a registration fee is required to hold a referendum at a regularly scheduled election. The registration fee may be imposed only if approved by a majority of the electors who vote in the referendum. Registration fees imposed prior to the effective date of this bill must be approved by a majority of electors voting in a referendum at a regularly scheduled election occurring not later than the first day of the 18th month beginning after the effective date of this bill.

WHEREAS, On August 23, 2016 the Marathon County Board of Supervisors passed ordinance O-22-16 creating section 3.33 creating in the Marathon County Code of Ordinances an Annual Registration Fee ;

WHEREAS, in 2017 the annual registration is projected to generate \$2,898,903 of revenue for the sole purpose of transportation-related projects in Marathon County

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does hereby strongly oppose LBR 2403/2 requiring a local referendum to impose a local wheel tax.

Dated: May 16, 2017.

SUBMITTED BY MARATHON COUNTY BOARD

Kurt Gibbs, Chairman

Fiscal Impact: Negative \$2,898,903 .