

**City of Palm Coast, Florida
Agenda Item**

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Item Key	7342	Account
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Subject	RESOLUTION 2019-XX APPROVING A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT – HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE CITY OF PALM COAST	
Background :	<p>The City of Palm Coast has nearly tripled in size since then, and during this period of growth it was declared by the U.S. Census Bureau to be the “fastest growing metropolitan area” in the country. In order to sustain such growth and a high quality of life, it is critical that higher education opportunities be readily available to the City’s residents and the residents in surrounding areas.</p> <p>A citizenry trained in high-demand fields will contribute to a strong employment market in the region, and such an outcome requires close collaboration between employers, educators and local governments. Employers and educators have identified the medical field as a fast-growing and critically important market sector for the entire Northeast and Northcentral Florida region.</p> <p>In order to meet regional workforce needs and train the graduates of the future, the University of North Florida (UNF) is undertaking a bold initiative called “MedNEX,” the nation’s first comprehensive, university-based medical nexus. A major component of the UNF MedNex initiative involves the establishment of a presence in the City of Palm Coast.</p> <p>The City of Palm Coast desires to work closely with UNF and a host of other public and private-sector stakeholders to bring world-class, industry-relevant educational opportunities to its residents and individuals throughout Flagler County and adjacent counties.</p> <p>The Governments of Flagler County, Flagler County School District, Town of Beverly Beach, City of Bunnell, City of Flagler Beach, Town of Marineland and the City of Palm Coast have come together in recognition that the UNF MedNex initiative elevates the entire North East and North Central Florida Region, Flagler County and the municipalities in Flagler County and this initiative is supported as a unified legislative priority.</p>	
Recommended Action :	RESOLUTION 2019-XX APPROVING A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT – HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE CITY OF PALM COAST	

RESOLUTION 2019-____
HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE CITY OF PALM COAST

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM PRESENCE WITHIN THE CITY OF PALM COAST; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Palm Coast was established on September 21, 1999 through a citizen referendum; and

WHEREAS, the City has nearly tripled in size since then, and during this period of growth it was declared by the U.S. Census Bureau to be the “fastest growing metropolitan area” in the country; and

WHEREAS, in order to sustain such growth and a high quality of life, it is critical that higher education opportunities be readily available to the City’s residents and the residents in surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, a citizenry trained in high-demand fields will contribute to a strong employment market in the region, and such an outcome requires close collaboration between employers, educators and local governments; and

WHEREAS, employers and educators have identified the medical field as a fast-growing and critically important market sector for the entire Northeast and Northcentral Florida region; and

WHEREAS, in order to meet regional workforce needs and train the graduates of the future, the University of North Florida (UNF) is undertaking a bold initiative called “MedNEX,” the nation’s first comprehensive, university-based medical nexus; and

WHEREAS, a major component of the UNF MedNex initiative involves the establishment of a presence in the City of Palm Coast; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palm Coast desires to work closely with UNF and a host of other public and private-sector stakeholders to bring world-class, industry-relevant educational opportunities to its residents and individuals throughout Flagler County and adjacent counties; and

WHEREAS, the Governments of Flagler County, Flagler County School District, Town of Beverly Beach, City of Bunnell, City of Flager Beach, Town of Marineland and the City of Palm Coast have come together in recognition that the UNF MedNex

initiative elevates the entire North East and North Central Florida Region, Flagler County and the municipalities in Flagler County and this initiative is supported as a unified legislative priority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM COAST, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Palm Coast hereby strongly endorses the founding of a State University System presence in the City of Palm Coast, commends the University of North Florida for its desire to serve as an educational partner for the region and its leadership in helping satisfy regional workforce needs through the MedNEX initiative, and urges the Florida State University System Board of Governors, Florida Legislature and Governor Ron DeSantis to support the establishment of such programs as may be necessary to further such goals.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Palm Coast, Florida, on this 5th day of November 2019.

CITY OF PALM COAST, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

Milissa Holland, Mayor

Virginia A. Smith, City Clerk

Approved as to form and legality

William E. Reischmann, Jr., Esq.
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