

Office of the City Council

February 15, 2016

  
City of  
Pensacola

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The Honorable Andy Gardiner  
President  
The Florida Senate  
409 The Capitol  
404 S. Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

The Honorable Steve Crisafulli  
Speaker of the House  
Florida House of Representatives  
420 The Capitol  
402 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

Dear President Gardiner and House Speaker Crisafulli:

Enclosed, please find a certified copy of Resolution No. 04-16, adopted by the Pensacola City Council on Thursday, February 11, 2016, urging the 2016 Florida Legislature to oppose the adoption of House Bill 803 and Senate Bill 1054 relating to historic and archaeological artifacts.

These bills propose amendments to s.267.115, F.S. that would direct the Division of Historical Resources of the Department of State to implement a program to administer the discovery of certain historic and archaeological artifacts from submerged lands by permit holders and to provide program requirements, thereby diminishing the authority of the Division of Historical Resources of the Department of State.

The City Council urges the Florida Legislature to oppose this legislation.

Sincerely,



Charles L. Bare  
President of City Council

cc: The Honorable Greg Evers  
The Honorable Clay Ingram  
The Honorable Mike Hill  
The Honorable Doug Broxson  
The Honorable Don Gaetz  
The Honorable Matt Gaetz

RESOLUTION  
NO. 04-16

A RESOLUTION  
TO BE ENTITLED:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA URGING MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO OPPOSE THE ADOPTION OF HOUSE BILL 803 AND SENATE BILL 1054 RELATING TO HISTORIC AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL ARTIFACTS

WHEREAS, the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate are considering similar bills relating to historic and archaeological artifacts; and

WHEREAS, this proposed legislation would amend s. 267.115, F.S. directing the Division of Historical Resources of the Department of State to implement a program to administer the discovery of certain historic and archaeological artifacts from submerged lands by permit holders and provide program requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Historical Resources of the Department of State has the responsibility to “acquire, maintain, preserve, interpret, exhibit, and make available for study objects which have intrinsic historical or archaeological value relating to the history, government, or culture of the state”; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of this legislation will substantially diminish the authority of the Division of Historical Resources; NOW, THEREFORE,


BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the City Council of the City of Pensacola urges the Florida Legislature to oppose the adoption of House Bill 803 and Senate Bill 1054 during the 2016 legislative session.


SECTION 2. That a copy of this Resolution be provided to Speaker Steve Crisafulli and Senate President Andy Gardiner and members of the local Legislative Delegation.

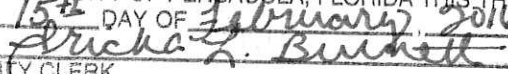
SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective on the fifth business day after adoption, unless otherwise provided pursuant to Section 4.03(d) of the City Charter of the City of Pensacola.

Adopted: February 11, 2016

Approved:   
President of City Council

Attest:

  
City Clerk

I, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL THEREOF ON FILE IN MY OFFICE. WITNESS MY HAND AND THE CORPORATE SEAL OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA THIS THE 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF February, 2016  
  
CITY CLERK  
CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA