RESOLUTION NO. <u>2020-17</u>

A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA SUPPORTING PLACEMENT OF THE CREATION OF THE ESCAMBIA CHILDREN'S TRUST ON THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

WHEREAS, children are the future of Escambia County and it is important that our community actively ensures that they are provided a healthy and positive start to life; and

WHEREAS, we place the utmost value on the support, education, health and well-being, and encouragement of children in our community and recognize the value of our community's schools and early childhood education, detection, prevention, and intervention programs for children,; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Florida has, in Chapter 125, Florida Statutes, conferred upon local governments the authority to adopt regulations designed to promote the public health, safety and general welfare of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, to date, 11 Florida counties have created Children's Services Councils (CSC's) that invests in programs that produce measurable results, and enhance the well-being of their community's children by maximizing resources and ensuring accountability; and

WHEREAS, the community has taken action to formally recommend to the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners that they vote to authorize a referendum be placed on the November 3, 2020 ballot for voter approval of the creation of an independent Children's Services Council to be named the Escambia Children's Trust.

WHEREAS, Escambia County children need enhanced services; and

WHEREAS, the Escambia Children's Trust will increase efficiency of the delivery of services with accountable oversight, and invest in developmental, preventative, and supportive services to children ages zero to eighteen based on the studies needs in our community.

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 does hereby support placement of the creation of the Escambia Children's Trust by voter referendum on the November 3, 2020 General Election Ballot.

SECTION 2. That a copy of this Resolution be included in the minutes of the regular City Council meeting and that a copy be tendered to the Escambia Children's Trust Committee.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective 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: _____

Approved: ____

President of City Council

Attest:

City Clerk