RESOLUTION NO. 2019-31

RESOLUTION BYTHE **BOARD** OF **COUNTY** COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, **FLORIDA** EXPRESSING ITS SUPPORT OF B5121447367 OUALIFIED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM TAX **EXEMPTION** APPLICANT **SUBJECT** TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF §196.1995, FLORIDA STATUTES; AUTHORIZING **IMPROVEMENTS** AND/OR **TANGIBLE** PERSONAL PROPERTY ADDITIONS TO BE MADE BY B5121447367 UNDER THE PINELLAS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION PROCESS SUBJECT TO ADOPTION OF AN EXEMPTION ORDINANCE FOR B5121447367, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has provided for the Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption program pursuant to Article VII, Section 3, of the Constitution of the State of Florida and Section 196.1995, Florida Statutes, upon the successful passage of a referendum; and

WHEREAS, by a referendum held on August 26, 2014 the electors of Pinellas County authorized the granting of ad valorem tax exemptions; and

WHEREAS, On December 16, 2014, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance 2014-56 codified in Chapter 118, Article VI of the Pinellas County Code authorizing the granting of such exemptions. On January 23, 2018, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance 2018-08 amending Chapter 118, Article VI of the Pinellas County Code authorizing the granting of such exemptions;

WHEREAS, the granting of ad valorem tax exemptions to certain businesses will provide Pinellas County with an additional economic development incentive to enhance Pinellas County's competitive edge when encouraging new business development and retaining local businesses with expansion plans; and

WHEREAS, based on representations made by B5121447367, Pinellas County has made a preliminary determination that B5121447367 meets the requirements for an Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption under Section 196.1995, Florida Statutes and Pinellas County Ordinance 2018-08.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY FLORIDA, at a duly-assembled meeting held on the 21st day of May, 2019, as follows:

<u>Section 1</u>. The County expresses its support of B5121447367 as a qualified applicant for an Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption, subject to final approval and adoption of an Exemption Ordinance for B5121447367, and

Section 2. B5121447367 is authorized to make improvements and/or tangible personal property additions following the passage of this Resolution. Such improvements or additions may be eligible for the exemption as authorized by Section 196.1995, Florida Statutes, subject to the Exemption Ordinance specifically granting an Exemption to B5121447367.

Section 3. Nothing in this resolution shall bind Pinellas County to adopting an Exemption Ordinance for B5121447367.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

| Commission | ner | Eggers | offered t | the foregoing | Resolu | ution and moved | l its adoption, |
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| which was s | secondec | d by Commissione | r | Welch | | _, and upon roll | call, the vote |
| was: | | | | | | | |
| 6A | Ayes S | Seel, Gerard, Egger | rs, Long, | Peters, and W | elch. | | |
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APPROVED AS TO FORM

By:

Office of the County Attorney