

**RESOLUTION NO. 07- 489**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, URGING MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING ISSUES DURING THE 2007 LEGISLATIVE SESSION; DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO FORWARD THE RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, municipal self-determination and local self-government are constantly under attack from a variety of public and private interests; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous counties have recently proposed revisions to their charters that would adversely impact the Home-Rule powers of municipalities within those counties; and

**WHEREAS**, a majority of Florida's municipalities have experienced negative impacts to infrastructure, housing stock and employment base from a series of natural disasters; higher than expected increases in the cost of building products; double-digit increases in the cost of property insurance; and inequities in the existing property-tax system; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida's continuing population increase has presented a challenge to cities struggling to meet the infrastructure needs required to accommodate new growth and development without an infrastructure revenue source dedicated to municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, various proposed revisions to the property-tax system would have substantial adverse impacts for all municipalities in Florida should they be adopted; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida's municipalities are dependent on other governmental entities for financial stability and under the current system the state, counties, and school districts, control all funding sources authorized for implementing capital improvements and complying with concurrency requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Charlie Crist and Florida's House and Senate leaders have an opportunity to address the unique concerns of municipalities during the upcoming 2007 legislative session.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.     Recitals.** The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 2.**    **Support.**    The Town supports and urges Governor Charles Crist and members of the Florida Legislature during the 2007 legislative session to support:

- (i) restoration and maintaining municipal Home-Rule authority for municipalities located within charter counties;
- (ii) a tax structure that is fair and equitable, and is competitively neutral and that allows municipalities the flexibility to provide adequate services in their communities;
- (iii) preserving the dedicated documentary stamp fees as a funding source for the State and Local Government Housing Trust Fund (Sadowski Trust Fund), eliminating the cap placed on fund distribution, and prohibiting any of these trust fund dollars from being diverted to the General Revenue Fund;
- (iv) providing comprehensive and uniform workers' compensation system for all municipal employees, regardless of employee classification, at a reasonable cost to employers;
- (v) providing a dedicated and recurring source of revenue, including municipal local-option fuel taxes, rental-car surcharges, or other taxes or fees, for municipalities to fund transportation projects such as TRIP, urban arterial and other projects;
- (vi) revising the existing distribution formula for local-option transportation taxes imposed by a county to allow for more equitable distribution to municipalities and providing for indexing of local-option fuel taxes;
- (vii) requiring legislative authorization prior to the Florida Department of Transportation removing or delaying any project that is contained in the FDOT Five-Year Work Plan;
- (viii) preserving municipal authority to franchise cable and video services.

**Section 3. Direction to the Town Clerk.** The Town Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Governor Charlie Crist, Senate President Ken Pruitt, House of Representatives Speaker Marco Rubio and members of the Florida Legislature.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2007.

Motion to adopt by Mary Collins, second by Nancy Simon.

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION

Mayor Wayne Slaton	<u>yes</u>
Vice Mayor Mary Collins	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Roberto Alonso	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Robert Meador	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Michael Pizzi	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Richard Pulido	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Nancy Simon	<u>yes</u>

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2007.

ATTEST:

Debra Eastman  
Debra Eastman, MMC  
TOWN CLERK

Wayne Slaton  
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MAYOR

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency  
for use only by the Town of Miami Lakes:

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