

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-139**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, OPPOSING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S REMOVAL OF EXOTIC PLANTS FROM ALONG I-75; AUTHORIZING TOWN OFFICIALS TO SEND COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENTS AND AGENCIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Transportation (the "FDOT") plans to initiate a project to remove the exotic plants, particularly melaleuca quinquenaria plants, from areas including and surrounding I-75 (the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, exotic plants will be removed from the median, along the west and southbound side of I-75 and in additional areas not immediately adjacent to residential areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project is scheduled to begin as early as the first quarter of 2004 and is scheduled to last up to six months; and

**WHEREAS**, removal of the exotic plants in areas immediately adjacent to residential areas is contingent upon community input and approval; and

**WHEREAS**, FDOT will not be constructing a wall, landscaped berm or any other type of barrier to replace the removed vegetation in areas adjacent to residential neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, areas residents are expected to experience inconveniences associated with the Project including noise from heavy machinery and additional dust.

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

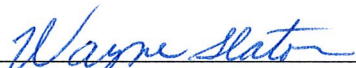
**Section 1. Recitals.** The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated into this resolution by this reference.

**Section 2. Opposition of Removal.** The Town Council hereby opposes the Florida Department of Transportation project for removal of exotic melaleuca quinquenaria plants from along I-75 northbound travel lanes, adjacent to residential neighborhoods until an appropriate buffer is constructed by FDOT.

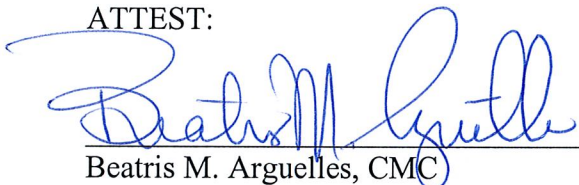
**Section 3. Authorization of Town Officials.** The Town's officials and staff are authorized to send copies of this Resolution to all appropriate County, State and Federal agencies. Town staff is further authorized to work toward getting a buffer to replace the malaleuca plants so that they can be removed at a later time.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.


PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2003

  
Wayne Slaton  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
Beatris M. Arguelles, CMC  
TOWN CLERK

Approved as to form and legality for the use and benefit of the Town of Miami Lakes only:

  
Weiss, Serota, Helfman, Pastoriza & Guedes, P.A.  
TOWN ATTORNEY

*Simon Pizzi*  
Council voted 6-1-0 as follows:  
Mayor Wayne Slaton Yes  
Vice Mayor Roberto Alonso Yes  
Councilmember Mary Collins NO  
Councilmember Robert Meador Yes  
Councilmember Michael Pizzi Yes  
Councilmember Nancy Simon Yes  
Councilmember Peter Thomson Yes