

RESOLUTION NO. 03-161

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING FOR FIRST RESPONDER COSTS TO MUNICIPALITIES WITH DIRECT LOCAL ASSISTANCE AND MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, since September 11, 2001, Congress has provided \$20.8 billion for grants supporting First Responders, representing a significant increase in federal funding, yet this infusion of funding fails to reach the municipalities who are on the front lines of our state's defense; and

WHEREAS, municipalities have dedicated an unprecedented, and mostly unbudgeted, amount of local resources to the new war on terrorism; spending some \$2.6 billion since September 11, 2001 on new homeland security priorities; and

WHEREAS, new homeland security responsibilities have expanded the duties and functions of municipal police, fire and emergency workers, requiring municipalities to provide consistent, timely and ongoing funding to support long-term local investments in hometown security; and

WHEREAS, Congress must not underestimate the role that municipalities play in protecting American Citizens against the threat of terrorism; and must recognize a strong partnership between the federal government and municipalities, who employ the men and women on the front lines of emergency response, is essential to a safe America; and

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

Section 1. That the Town of Miami Lakes urges congress to create a new first responder funding program that provides direct financial assistance to municipalities to help cover costs such as equipment, training, exercises, planning, and overtime related to homeland security.

Section 2. That a copy of this resolution will be presented to President George W. Bush, the Florida Congressional Delegation and the National League of Cities.

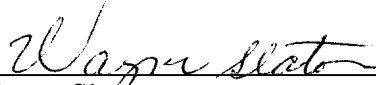
Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of September 2003.

Motion to adopt by Collins, second by Alonso.

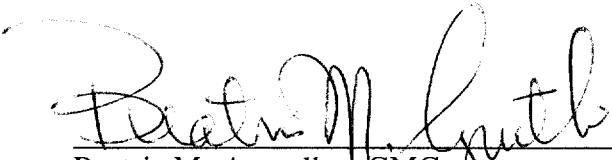
FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION

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| Mayor Wayne Slaton | <u>Yes</u> |
| Vice Mayor Roberto Alonso | <u>Yes</u> |
| Councilmember Mary Collins | <u>Yes</u> |
| Councilmember Robert Meador | <u>Yes</u> |
| Councilmember Michael Pizzi | <u>absent</u> |
| Councilmember Nancy Simon | <u>Yes</u> |
| Councilmember Peter Thomson | <u>Yes</u> |



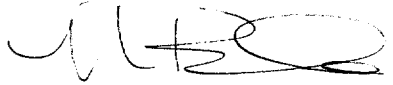
Wayne Slaton
MAYOR

ATTEST:



Beatris M. Arguelles, EMC
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
Cole & Boniske, P.A.
TOWN ATTORNEY

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