

RESOLUTION NO. 08- 695

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO EQUALIZE FUNDING BASED ON POPULATION TO PROVIDE EACH REGION OF FLORIDA, INCLUDING SOUTH FLORIDA, ITS FAIR SHARE OF STATE FUNDING; SUPERSEDING CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature recently approved a state budget for fiscal year 2008-09 of approximately \$66 billion; and

WHEREAS, the state's fiscal year 2008-09 budget cut approximately \$5 Billion from the previous year's budget of more than \$71 Billion; and

WHEREAS, it has long been the public perception that the residents of Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties pay more in taxes to the State of Florida than these counties get back in state programs and services; and

WHEREAS, a recent study by the Miami Herald concluded that the people of Miami-Dade and Broward Counties sent over \$7.15 Billion in revenues to Tallahassee annually, but only received \$6.69 Billion back, resulting in a difference of \$460 Million, which equals \$144 for every adult in these two counties; and

WHEREAS, including Palm Beach County in this analysis likely would bring the annual difference to more than a half billion dollars between what the people of Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties contribute in tax revenue to the State of Florida compared with what the residents of these three counties receive back in state services and programs; and

WHEREAS, state funding probably can never be an exact science, but the Florida Legislature should strive as much as possible to provide each different region of the state its fair share of state funding.

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

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing Recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Mayor and Town Council. The Mayor and Council of the Town of Miami Lakes urge the Florida Legislature to provide each region of Florida, including South Florida, its fair share of state funding.

Section 3. Authorization of Town Clerk. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to the Governor, the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House, the Mayor and Members of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, the Chair and Members of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, and the Mayors, Chairs and members of the governing bodies of the municipalities within Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties.

Section 4. No Conflict. That all Resolutions, or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith, be and the same hereby are superseded to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of November, 2008.

Motion to adopt by Councilmember Mary Collins, second by Vice Mayor Richard Pulido.

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION


Mayor Michael Pizzi	yes
Vice Mayor Richard Pulido	yes

Councilmember Mary Collins yes
Councilmember Robert Meador yes
Councilmember Nick Perdomo yes
Councilmember Nancy Simon yes
Councilmember George Lopez yes




Michael Pizzi
MAYOR

ATTEST:



TOWN CLERK

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



TOWN ATTORNEY
Weiss, Serota, Helfman, Pastoriza,
Cole & Boniske, P.L.