

RESOLUTION NO. 09-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARCO ISLAND, URGING MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING ISSUES DURING THE 2009 LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

WHEREAS, as Florida's population continues to increase, cities are challenged to meet the service demands and infrastructure needs to account for new growth; and

WHEREAS, a majority of Florida's municipalities are challenged to meet the increasing infrastructure, affordable housing, transportation, and water quality needs of their citizens; and

WHEREAS, the state has imposed greater accountability in comprehensive planning and fiscal feasibility standards on municipalities; and

WHEREAS, Florida's municipalities are dependent on other governmental entities for financial stability and presently the state, counties, and school districts, control every funding source that has been authorized for implementing growth management capital improvements and complying with concurrency requirements; and

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

WHEREAS, the role and function of municipal government is constantly evolving from new demands from its citizens and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF MARCO ISLAND;

Section 1. That the City of Marco Island urges Governor Charlie Crist and members of the Florida Legislature to support legislation that:

- Enhances affordable housing by removing the legislative cap on fund distributions from the Sadowski Trust Funds and expands trust fund usage;
- Enhances multi-modal municipal transportation and transit projects;
- Allows municipalities to use all insurance premium tax revenues from firefighter or police officer pension plans to pay for existing or new plan benefits;
- Preserves municipal autonomy in determining the conduct of public meetings;

- Repeals the provision of current law that authorizes the release of social security numbers to commercial entities;
- Provides a fair and equitable tax structure and allow municipalities the flexibility to provide the level of services desired by their citizens;
- Allows municipalities to impose special assessments, or a similar funding method, for the provision of law enforcement services in an initial revenue-neutral manner to tax payers;
- Provides opportunities for municipalities to adopt local sales taxes to replace other revenues in an initial revenue-neutral manner;
- Mandates that reclaimed water is an integral component of a utility's water supply plan and a permitted discharge strategy should not be subject to additional regulatory actions by water management districts;
- Supports legislation that provides that any quantities of currently permitted sources of water replaced by reclaimed water to be transferred to the reclaimed water provider;
- Supports restructuring the governance of the water management districts to provide for increased accountability, efficiency and cooperation in water supply planning and permitted among local governments and water users;
- Strengthens the prohibition on unfunded mandates, improves identification and quantification procedures, eliminates loopholes and requires full funding of new state mandates to municipalities.

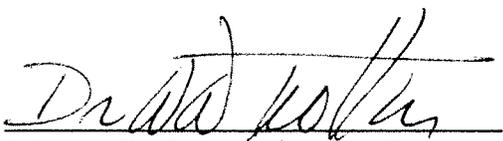
Section 2. That a copy of this resolution shall be provided to Governor Charlie Crist, Senate President Ken Pruitt, House Speaker Ray Sansom and members of the Florida Legislature.

Passed in open and regular session of the City Council of the City of Marco Island, Florida, this 20th day of January 2009.

Attest:



Laura Litzan, City Clerk



William D. Trotter, Council Chairman