

RESOLUTION NO. 99-12

A RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT FEDERAL JUDGESHIP FOR THE FORT MYERS DIVISION OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida stretches from the Georgia border to the Everglades; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Myers Division, consisting of Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry and Lee Counties, does not currently have any full-time sitting United States District Court judges; and

WHEREAS, it is, therefore, necessary to rely on judges who sit in Fort Myers on assignment as visiting judges or on occasion as sitting judges assigned to the Tampa Division; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for litigants, including governmental entities, to travel to Tampa for hearings and trials at a considerable amount of time and unnecessary expense, which in the case of the City of Marco Island is a cost to taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the significant increases in population in the counties located in the Fort Myers Division clearly justifies the establishment in the Division in Fort Myers of at least one, and perhaps two, full-time federal judges with full docket control in Fort Myers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARCO ISLAND, FLORIDA, THAT:

1. This Council hereby urges the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate to establish or allocate to the Fort Myers Division of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida a full-time United States District Court Judgeship complete with docket control and administration in Fort Myers.

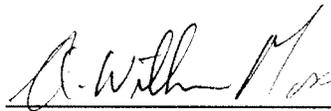
2. The City Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to Senators Graham and Mack and to Representative Goss.

3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED IN OPEN AND REGULAR SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARCO ISLAND, FLORIDA, THIS 15th DAY OF March, 1999.

CITY OF MARCO ISLAND

Attest:

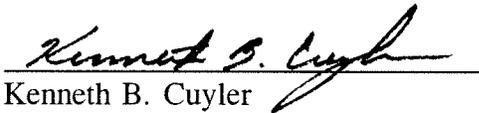


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sufficiency:



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