

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010 – 10**

**RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE EACH REGION OF THE STATE, INCLUDING SOUTHEAST FLORIDA AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, ITS FAIR SHARE OF STATE FUNDING BASED ON WHERE REVENUE IS GENERATED; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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 2008 study by the Miami Herald confirmed this perception and concluded that the people of Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties sent over \$7.15 billion in tax revenues to Tallahassee annually, but only received \$6.69 billion back, resulting in a difference of \$460 million, which equals \$144 for every adult residing in these two counties; and

WHEREAS, including Palm Beach County in the equation will likely bring the annual difference to more than one-half billion dollars annually between the tax revenue contributed by these three Southeast Florida counties and the funding allocated back to these three counties; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature should strive as much as possible to distribute funding to different regions of the state in relation to where the revenue is generated to provide each region its fair share of state funding; and

WHEREAS, current economic pressures impact upon state funding which has become more scarce, resulting in program and service cuts, increasing the importance of equitable distribution of state funds by the Legislature,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK, FLORIDA, that this Commission:

Section 1: Urges the Florida Legislature to provide each region of the State of Florida, including Southeast Florida and Miami-Dade County, its fair share of state funding based on where revenue is generated.

Section 2: Directs the Clerk of the Village to transmit copies of this Resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, Mayor and Members of the Miami-Dade County Commission.

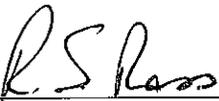
Section 3: Directs the Village Manager to include this item in the 2010 state legislative package, and Village elected officials to advocate for the issues identified in Section 1, above.

Section 4: Severability: Should any section, paragraph, sentence, phrase, clause or other part of any provision of this Resolution be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of this Resolution as a whole or any part thereof and to that extent, the terms of this Resolution are hereby declared to be severable.

Section 5: Effective Date: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption by majority vote of the Commission of the Village of Biscayne Park, Florida.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of March, 2010.

The foregoing resolution upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

  
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Roxanna Ross, Mayor

Mayor Ross: Yes

Vice Mayor Childress: Yes

Commissioner Anderson: Yes

Commissioner Bernard: Yes

Commissioner Cooper: Yes

Attest:

  
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Maria Camara, Village Clerk

Approved as to form:

  
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John H. Hearn, Village Attorney