

RESOLUTION NO. 08-75

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA; SEEKING CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDING TO THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO STRENGTHEN AND/OR REPAIR THE HERBERT HOOVER DIKE THROUGH IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT OF THE ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS BILL OR OTHER MECHANISM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Lake Okeechobee is at the center of South Florida's regional water management system, and is located in south-central Florida; and is a key factor in charging the aquifer that supplies water to south Florida,

WHEREAS, throughout this year, Lake Okeechobee has been significantly impacted by past hurricanes and the recent dry/wet situation; more specifically, the historically lowest recorded level of the Lake (8.82') was realized in July of 2007 and currently, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has announced that the Lake must be carefully lowered as the recent tropical weather activity has caused the level to rise to an extremely high level (14.68'); with anticipated additional water from other hurricanes this season, and

WHEREAS, in July of 2007, the Village Council passed the attached Resolution 07-73 (attached hereto as Exhibit "A"), supporting the South Florida Water Management District's to receive appropriate funds from the federal government necessary to bring the Herbert Hoover Dike into compliance with current levee protection safety standards and to expedite funding for the improvements; and

WHEREAS, the structural integrity of this levee, built in the 1920's remains a concern, as the failure of the dike poses a significant threat of catastrophic proportion to South Florida and surrounding communities. The 30-year project proposed by the US Army Corp of Engineers needs to be expedited; and

WHEREAS, Lake Okeechobee's dike system must be strengthened and improved to current levee engineering standards and expedited Congressional appropriations are necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The above whereas clauses are incorporated by reference.

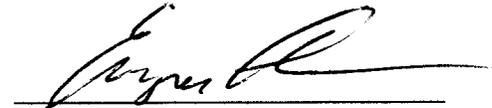
Section 2. The Village of Palmetto Bay urges our State and Federal legislators to act immediately and appropriate funds necessary to strengthen and/or repair the Herbert Hoover Dike in order to avoid certain catastrophe. In addition, Palmetto Bay seeks support from the Florida League of Cities.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval. The Village Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to all federal and state legislators, and the Florida League of Cities.

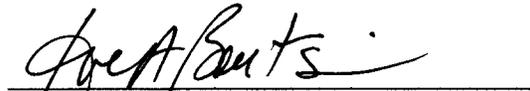
PASSED and ADOPTED this 8th day of September, 2008.

Attest:


Melghan Kader,
Village Clerk


Eugene P. Flinn, Jr.,
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Eve A. Boutsis,
Nagin Gallop Figueredo, P.A.
Office of Village Attorney

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

Council Member Ed Feller	<u>YES</u>
Council Member Paul Neidhart	<u>YES</u>
Council Member Shelley Stanczyk	<u>YES</u>
Vice-Mayor Linda Robinson	<u>YES</u>
Mayor Eugene P. Flinn, Jr.	<u>YES</u>

RESOLUTION NO. 07-73

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF THE SOUTH WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT'S REQUEST FOR CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS NECESSARY TO BRING THE HERBERT HOOVER DIKE INTO COMPLIANCE WITH CURRENT LEVEE PROTECTION SAFETY STANDARDS AND TO EXPEDITE FUNDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH PROMPT ENACTMENT OF THE ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS BILL OR OTHER MECHANISM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Lake Okeechobee was impacted by four hurricanes during the 2004 and 2005 hurricane seasons; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, at the request of local community leaders, the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District commissioned an independent, expert review panel to evaluate all U.S. Army Corps of Engineers documents concerning the structural integrity of the 140 mile-long Herbert Hoover Dike surrounding Lake Okeechobee; and

WHEREAS, the report found that the dike does not meet current levee protection safety standards; and

WHEREAS, the failure of the dike poses a clear and imminent threat of catastrophic proportion to the communities surrounding Lake Okeechobee; and

WHEREAS, the dike was not built to current levee engineering standards and; therefore, needs expedited Congressional appropriations to be brought into compliance with such standards; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District has approved the attached Resolution numbered 2007-430 requesting the Congress of the United States to appropriate funds necessary to bring the Herbert Hoover Dike into compliance with current levee protection safety standards and to expedite funding for the improvements through prompt enactment of the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill or some other mechanism; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District has requested South Florida local governments to enact resolutions supporting the actions requested in the attached resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The above whereas clauses are incorporated by reference.

Section 2. The Village hereby supports the South Florida Water Management District's resolution requesting that the Congress of the United States appropriate funds

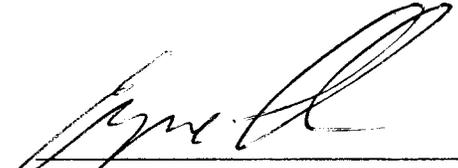
necessary to bring the Herbert Hoover Dike into compliance with current levee protection safety standards and to expedite funding for the improvements through prompt enactment of the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill or other mechanism.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 2nd day of July, 2007.

Attest:


Meighan Rader,
Village Clerk


Eugene P. Flinn, Jr.,
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


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