# RESOLUTION NO. 2011-29

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE AGENDA; REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO VETO SENATE BILL 1714 RELATING TO CITIZENS PROPERTY INSURANCE; AND ANNOUNCING THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY'S OPPOSITION TO SB 1714; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. [Sponsored by Vice-Mayor Brian W. Pariser].

WHEREAS, Citizens Property Insurance is a state-created, not-for-profit, tax-exempt governmental entity whose public purpose is to provide property insurance coverage to those unable to find coverage in the voluntary admitted market; and,

WHEREAS, Citizens is governed by an eight member board of governors two of whom are appointed by the governor, chief financial officer, senate president, and speaker of the house; and

WHEREAS, Citizens is subject to regulation by the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation; and

WHEREAS, Citizens is the largest property insurer in Florida with almost 1.3 million policies extending approximately $457 billion of property coverage to Floridians – representing approximately 18 percent of the residential exposure in the state covered by the admitted market; and

WHEREAS, the State legislature has proposed to shrink Citizens Property Insurance Corp. by raising premiums and limiting the types of policies the state-run insurer can issue under senate Bill 1714; and,

WHEREAS, the legislation would also ratchet down the value of homes that Citizens could insure, and beginning Jan. 1, Citizens could not insure homes valued at more than $1 million and by 2016, the home must be valued at $500,000 or less to be eligible for Citizens coverage; and,

WHEREAS, the bill would also prohibit the use of public adjusters for Citizens customers; would prohibit Citizens from offering commercial, non residential policies (about 8,377 policies currently in force); would restrict sinkhole coverage to the primary residence and not ancillary buildings; and would prevent insurers from levying assessments on non-Citizens policies until policyholders within the pool are charged a 15 percent surcharge to be paid upon renewal, termination and cancellation; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Village Council oppose Senate Bill 1714; and,

WHEREAS, previously the state legislature froze Citizens rates until Jan. 1 2010, and the Village encourages the State Legislature to impose a new rate cap to preclude the 25 percent increase in premiums proposed under Senate Bill 1714; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Village Council desire to lobby the state legislature to reject Senate Bill 1714.

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. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

Section 3. The Village Clerk shall provide executed copies of this resolution to the Village's lobbyist, and to the Florida Legislature, the Mayor of Miami-Dade County, each member of the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners, as well as each municipal clerk in Miami-Dade County for the purpose of distributing copies to members of their respective governing councils.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 4th day of April, 2011.

Attest:

Meighan Alexander
Village Clerk

Shelley Stanczyk
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Eve A. Boutsis
Village Attorney

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

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| Council Member Patrick Fiore | Yes |
| Council Member Howard Tendrich | yes |
| Council Member Joan Lindsay | Yes |
| Vice-Mayor Brian W. Pariser | Yes |
| Mayor Shelley Stanczyk | Yes |