RESOLUTION NO. 2011-82

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE 2012 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA; SUPPORTING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY RESOLUTION R-940-11, URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION CONCERNING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF LOCAL ELECTION LAWS REGARDING ABSENTEE BALLOTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. [Sponsored by Mayor Shelley Stanczyk]

WHEREAS, Absentee ballots and the administrative laws concerning absentee ballots is crucial to a citizen who is otherwise unable to vote in person at their designated voting precinct. Absentee ballots allow for ease by which a person can exercise their democratic right to vote; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Elections Department assists the Village of Palmetto Bay by receiving and processing absentee ballots; and

WHEREAS, Section 12-14 of the Miami-Dade County Code is in the process of being revised in order to include imposing felony penalties for absentee ballot fraud, which is currently not permitted by State law; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Village Council desire to support Miami-Dade County Resolution R-940-11 (copy of which is attached hereto) and lobby the state legislature to make it a third degree felony to violate any local election law regarding absentee ballots.

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 5th day of December, 2011.

ATTEST: Meighan Alexander

Meighan Alexander
Village Clerk

Shelley Stanczyk
Mayor

READ AND APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Eve Boutsis
Village Attorney

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

Council Member Patrick Fiore	YES
Council Member Howard J. Tendrich	YES
Council Member Joan S. Lindsay	YES
Vice-Mayor Brian W. Pariser	YES
Mayor Shelley Stanczyk	YES