

RESOLUTION NO. 05-90

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE REQUEST BY U.S. REPRESENTATIVE KENDRICK B. MEEK AND THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION URGING FEMA TO REIMBURSE THE STATE, COUNTIES AND CITIES THAT WERE DESIGNATED MAJOR DISASTER AREAS 100% OF ALL COSTS RELATIVE TO HURRICANE WILMA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has endured eight major hurricanes in the last fifteen months; and,

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County, specifically, has been significantly impacted by three major storm events within a three-month period, including Hurricane Katrina, Tropical Storm Rita and Hurricane Wilma; and,

WHEREAS, the severity and regularity of these storm events have had a significant fiscal impact on South Florida communities, including the Village of Palmetto Bay; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Miami-Dade County was declared a disaster area, eligible for FEMA reimbursement for costs related to the three major storms; and,

WHEREAS, reimbursement eligibility for Miami-Dade County and its municipalities, including the Village of Palmetto Bay, is limited to 75% of eligible costs; and,

WHEREAS, the remaining 25% represents a significant figure to be borne by local taxpayers further contributing to the detriment of the local economy, particularly after Hurricane Wilma; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Palmetto Bay thereby supports U.S. Representative Kendrick Meek and the Congressional Delegation in their request urging FEMA to increase the reimbursement for the State, Counties and Cities, which have been declared disaster areas pursuant to Hurricane Wilma, to 100% of all eligible costs for hurricane-related expenses.

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

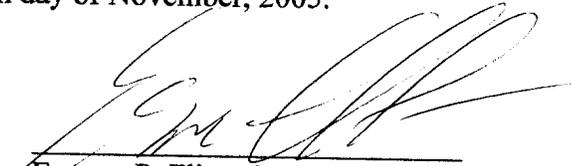
Section 1. The Village of Palmetto Bay, Florida, supports U.S. Representative Kendrick Meek and the Congressional Delegation in their request, included as Attachment A, urging FEMA to increase the reimbursement for the State, Counties and Cities, which have been declared disaster areas pursuant to Hurricane Wilma, to 100% of all eligible costs for hurricane-related expenses.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of November, 2005.

Attest:


Meighan Pier
Village Clerk


Eugene P. Flinn, Jr.
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Eve A. Boutsis,
Village Attorney

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

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

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