**RESOLUTION NO. 06-61**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE FLORIDA DISASTER VOLUNTEER LEAVE ACT; REQUESTING THE FLORIDA LEGISTLATURE TO PROVIDE SIMILAR EMPLOYMENT PROTECTION TO CERT (CERTIFIED EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING) TRAINED RESIDENTS PROVIDING SERVICES TO MUNICIPALITIES AS IS CURRENTLY PROVIDED TO CERT TRAINED RESIDENTS WHO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE STATE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor and City Commission are concerned with the health, safety and welfare its residents and are grateful for the assistance of those residents that are CERT (Certified Emergency Response Training) trained; and,

**WHEREAS,** it would promote the health, safety and welfare of all residents if those CERT trained residents that assist the village are provided the same recognition under Florida law as those CERT trained residents that provide assistance to the state; and,

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to the Florida Disaster Volunteer Leave Act only those CERT trained residents that assist the state are provided job security (those residents cannot be fired for providing CERT assistance to the state); and,

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor and City Commission desire to lobby the State Legislature to amend or modify Florida's Disaster Volunteer Act so as to ensure similar safeguards to those CERT trained residents that provide assistance to the village.

**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 Mayor and Village Council request that the State Legislature modify or amend Florida's Disaster Volunteer Leave Act so as to provide equal employment protection for those CERT trained residents that assist the village as those that assist the state (to preclude an employer from firing a resident that provides CERT assistance to a municipality).

**Section 3.** The Village Manager shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Village's State Representatives and to the State Legislature.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 5 day of June, 2006.

Attest:

Meighan Pier
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:

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