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

Exhibit "A"

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:

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

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

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