RESOLUTION NO. 2013-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING SENATE BILLS 80 AND 82; AND COMPARABLE HOUSE BILLS 25 AND 449; RELATING TO EXPANDING EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS AND TIME PERIODS; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION BY THE VILLAGE CLERK; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. [Sponsored by Mayor Shelley Stanczyk].

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Village Council desire to establish their legislative agenda items and to express their concerns as to State legislative items; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Village Council support the efforts of Senator Margolis in filing Senate Bill 82, Senator Joyner as to Senate Bill 80, and House Bill 449 of Representative Dentel, as they relate to expanding the list of available sites at which early voting may be conducted; eliminating the requirement of the one year prior designation; revising the hours of early voting to 12 hours per weekday and 12 hours in the aggregate each weekend at each site during the applicable periods; and, authorizing an elector to change his or her residence at a polling place and vote a regular ballot at that polling place; and,

WHEREAS, the Village Council support the desire to get out the vote, and recall all the delays and problems of the general election of 2012, where there were long lines at the polling places, including on election day; and

WHEREAS, the right to vote should not be disenfranchised from the community, and expanding the locations for early voting, and increasing the number of early voting hours, will assist the entire community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to express their fervent support for Senate Bills 80 and 82; as well as the joint House Bills 25 and 449.

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

Section 1. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified as true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. The Village hereby files its support of the legislative agenda item as identified in Senate Bills 80 and 82; and House Bills 25 and 449, as it relates to expanding the locations used for early voting sites, and expansion of the number of hours to utilize early voting sites.

Section 3. The Village Clerk is authorized on behalf of the Village to 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.

Section 4. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 4th day of March, 2013.

Attest: _____
Meighan Alexander
Village Clerk

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Shelley Stanczyk
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Eve A. Boutsis
Village Attorney

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

Council Member Patrick Fiore	YES
Council Member Tim Schaffer	YES
Council Member Joan Lindsay	Absent
Vice-Mayor John DuBois	YES
Mayor Shelley Stanczyk	YES