RESOLUTION NO. 08-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ARBOR DAY AND DESIGNATING A REGULAR YEARLY ARBOR DAY WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Sponsored by Mayor Flinn)

WHEREAS, Arbor Day festivities have been observed since 1872 in cities and communities throughout the United States in recognition of the importance and need of trees; and

WHEREAS, In 1970, President Richard Nixon proclaimed the last Friday in April as National Arbor Day, and all 50 states participate in Arbor Day celebrations; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature in 1945 designated the third Friday in January as the state's Arbor Day, in part as late winter is the ideal time for planting native species in the state, making Florida's Arbor Day several weeks earlier than the national observance; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Palmetto Bay recognizes the contributions native tree canopies have to clear air and water, stormwater runoff, energy conservation, providing ecosystem for birds, mammals and other wildlife, beautify community areas, and improving public health; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Palmetto Bay, the South Florida Water Management District, Miami-Dade County, and the Deering Estate have cooperatively and collaboratively worked together on a number of important projects essential to the Everglades and Biscayne Bay preservation and restoration; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Palmetto Bay has made restoration of its tree canopy that had been decimated over the 2004 and 2005 hurricane seasons a priority through its tree replanting and beautification program; establishment of a Tree Planting Master Plan; participation in Management plans of environmentally sensitive areas such as parts of Coral Reef Park, official adoption of tree standards such as the Right Tree in the Right Place Program; providing for open and green space in its initial Comprehensive Development Master Plan and zoning districts enacted, including the Franjo Triangle/US1 Island Zoning District; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Palmetto Bay recognizes the importance of developing appreciation for and the protection of the natural environment in the community, especially with the developing youth of our community.

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 Proclaims that the third Friday of each January, beginning January 18, 2008, as Arbor Day in Palmetto Bay and encourages its residents to participate in the proper planting of native species of trees each year and throughout the years.

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

PASSED and ADOPTED this 7th day of January, 2008.

Attest:

Meighan Rader
Village Clerk

Eugene P. Flinn, Jr.
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Eve A. Boutsis, 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