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RESOLUTION NO. 2010-43

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING **GOVERNOR CHARLIE CRIST TO VETO SENATE BILL 6** AND COMPANION HOUSE BILL RELATING TO LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS; EXPRESSING STRONG CONCERNS REGARDING THESE BILLS THAT WOULD NEGATIVELY IMPACT PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS' INCOME, INCENTIVES, AND CONTRACTS; PROVIDING FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE GOVERNOR, FLORIDA LEGISLATORS, THE MUNICIPAL LEAGUE OF CITIES, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, AND OUR SISTER CITIES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. [Sponsored by Mayor Eugene P. Flinn, Jr.; co-sponsored by Vice Mayor Brian W. Pariser, Councilman Edward Feller, Councilman Howard Tendrich, and Councilwoman Shelley Stanczyk].

WHEREAS, Florida Senate Bill 6 relating to local Public School Districts has been presented to Governor Charlie Crist for consideration; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Palmetto Bay is concerned over Senate Bill 6, which was passed by both the House and Senate on April 9, 2010; and,

WHEREAS, this Bill, if enacted, could negatively impact public school teachers' income, incentives, and contracts. This Bill eliminates contractual salary schedules that have been previously established through collective bargaining agreements, instead basing portions of salaries on student performance scores, which is undefined and funding for the tests have not been appropriated. The Bill further provides that new teachers (hired after July 1, 2010) would be placed on probation for an inordinate amount of time. This new programming with salary schedules ignores consideration of seniority or advanced academic degrees; and,

WHEREAS, if the new law is signed by Governor Crist, Florida's Public School Teachers will experience great uncertainty concerning their salaries on an annual basis, raising issues of due process and violation of property rights as to existing professional contracts; and,

WHEREAS, the bills will undermine the performance of teachers by stripping them of constitutionally guaranteed rights; and,

WHEREAS, passage of these bills and making teachers easier to eliminate does not support the objective of improving quality of education, which is the stated objective of the bills; and,

WHEREAS, the strength of our community depends upon the strength of our schools and the future of our children depends upon the high quality of education provided; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Village Council oppose passage of Senate Bill 6 and companion House Bill and urge Governor Crist to veto this inequitable and unfair legislation.

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

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4 **Section 1.** The above Whereas clauses are incorporated herein by reference.

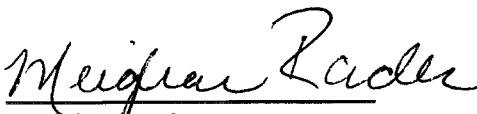
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6 **Section 2.** The Village of Palmetto Bay expresses strong concerns regarding the
7 enactment of Florida Senate Bill 6 and companion House Bill and any similar legislation that would
8 negatively impact local public school teachers and children. The Village urges the Governor to veto
9 Florida Senate Bill 6 and the companion House Bill prior to Friday, April 16, 2010.

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11 **Section 3.** Directs the Village Clerk to transmit a copy of this resolution to the
12 Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, governing bodies of the municipalities in Miami-Dade
13 County, and the Executive Director of the Miami-League of Cities.

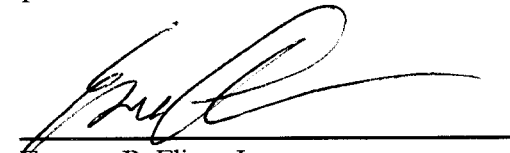
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15 **Section 4.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

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17 **PASSED and ADOPTED** this 12th day of April, 2010.

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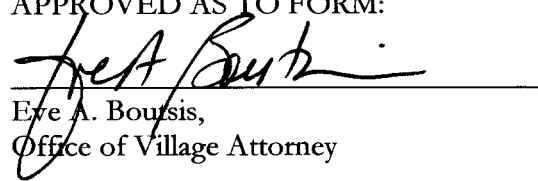


Meighan Rader
Village Clerk



Eugene P. Flinn, Jr.
Mayor

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Eve A. Bousis,
Office of Village Attorney

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31 FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

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34 Council Member Ed Feller YES
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36 Council Member Howard Tendrich YES
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38 Council Member Shelley Stanczyk YES
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40 Vice-Mayor Brian W. Pariser YES
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42 Mayor Eugene P. Flinn, Jr. YES