

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-01-06**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA URGING THE GOVERNOR AND MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE, TO SUPPORT THE MUNICIPAL ISSUES SET FORTH HEREIN DURING THE 2006 LEGISLATIVE SESSION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, as the State of Florida's population continues to increase, municipalities are challenged to meet the service demands and infrastructure needs to account for the new growth; and

**WHEREAS**, a majority of Florida's municipalities have experienced negative impacts to their respective infrastructures, housing stock and employment base, from a series of natural disasters (i.e., Hurricanes) in the past two (2) years; and

**WHEREAS**, in recent years, the State of Florida has imposed greater accountability in comprehensive planning and fiscal feasibility standards on municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida's municipalities are dependent in part, on other governmental entities for financial stability, and at this time, the State, counties, and school districts, control every funding source for municipalities, that has been authorized for implementing growth management capital improvements and complying with concurrency requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, municipal self-determination and local self-government are constantly under attack from a variety of public and private interests; and

**WHEREAS**, the role and function of municipal government is constantly evolving as a result of new demands from its citizens and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, new Statewide legislation protecting the interest of municipalities is necessary to serve the public health, safety and general welfare of municipal citizens on a local level.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA**

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are hereby adopted as true and correct findings of fact by the Town Commission.

**Section 2.** The Town Commission of the Town of Lake Park,

Florida urges Governor Jeb Bush and members of the Florida Legislature, to support legislation as part of a comprehensive legislative reform package that at a minimum:

- Preserves municipal autonomy and protects the fundamental right of voluntary self-government.
- Provides municipalities with alternative funding options for the purpose of responding to impacts of declared disasters.
- Preserves municipal tools for community redevelopment and urban revitalization.
- Provides a dedicated and recurring revenue source for municipal transportation projects.
- Preserves dedicated funding for local affordable housing programs.
- Provides for an equitable distribution of fines and fees derived from criminal violations, such as driving under the influence of alcohol and/or other chemical substances.
- Provides a more comprehensive and uniform Workers' Compensation System.

**Section .3** A copy of this Resolution shall be provided to Governor Jeb Bush, Senate President Tom Lee, House Speaker Allan Bense and all members of the Florida Legislature.

**Section 4.** This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

The foregoing RESOLUTION was offered by Vice-Mayor Garretson who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Daly and upon being put to a vote, the results were as follows:

	AYE	NAY
MAYOR PAUL CASTRO	X	
VICE MAYOR PAUL GARRETSON	X	
COMMISSIONER G. CHUCK BALIUS	X	
COMMISSIONER JEFF CAREY	X	
COMMISSIONER ED DALY	X	

The Mayor thereupon declared the foregoing RESOLUTION NO. <sup>04-01-06</sup>, passed and adopted this <sup>18</sup> day of January, 2006

TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA

BY: *Paul Castro* X

ATTEST:

*Stephanie Thomas*  
Stephanie Thomas  
Town Clerk



*Thomas J. Baird*  
Thomas J. Baird, Town Attorney  
Approved as to form and legal sufficiency