

**RESOLUTION NO. 2002-14**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA REQUESTING THE BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE LAND PRESERVATION TRUST TO DEVELOP A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES AND BROWARD COUNTY'S SAFE PARKS AND LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSES OF FUNDING THE ACQUISITION OF THE VACANT RURAL PARCEL OF LAND FOR "OPEN SPACE" AND PASSIVE LOCAL RECREATION TO SERVE THE COUNTRY ESTATES NEIGHBORHOOD; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE TOWN OFFICIAL TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE BROWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE LAND PRESERVATION TRUST; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, in 2000, the registered voters in Broward County voted in favor of a \$400 million Safe Parks and Land Preservation Referendum; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the primary purpose of the Referendum was to preserve and enhance as much of the vacant "open space" and natural amenities remaining in Broward County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor, Town Council and residents of the Town of Southwest Ranches supported Broward County's program to purchase, preserve and enhance natural open space, archeologically significant and conservation areas; and

**WHEREAS**, The staff from Broward County Parks Department contacted the Town to determine the most appropriate possible vacant sites to purchase, preserve and enhance for rural open space, wildlife habitats, archeologically significant and recreational purposes within the Town's boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town has conducted a preliminary inventory of all vacant sites that are expected to meet the criteria for Broward County to purchase, preserve and enhance for open space and passive recreational purposes within the Town's boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town wishes to immediately develop a partnership with Broward County for the purpose of having the County acquire, with a portion of the funds set aside to purchase "open space", the rural parcel of land to serve the Country Estates neighborhood with protected open space and passive local recreational purposes; and

**WHEREAS,** The staff of Broward County, the staff of the Town and the Citizens Comprehensive Planning Advisory Committee have met and agreed that the rural parcel meets all "Open Space" criteria.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida:

**Section 1** The Broward County Board of County Commissioners and members of the Land Preservation Trust are hereby requested to consider and include the parcel attached hereto as Exhibit 1 in the pending "Open Space" acquisition program.

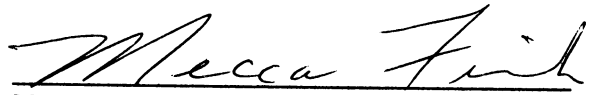
**Section 2** The Town of Southwest Ranches will enter into an interlocal agreement with Broward County in which the Town would agree to purchase and maintain the parcel of land for passive local park and open space purposes.

**Section 3** All Resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section 4** If any clause, section, or other part or application of this Resolution is held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part or application, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Resolution.

**Section 5** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

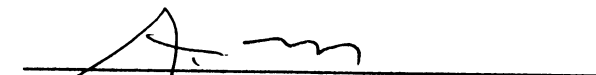
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida this 13 Day of December, 2001.

  
Mecca Fink, Mayor

Attest:

  
Arielle Haze Tyner, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:

  
Gary A. Poliakoff, J.D., Town Attorney