

RESOLUTION NO. 2005 - 106

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING A DONATION OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) TO THE AMERICAN RED CROSS FOR HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF AND IN THE NAME OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES; PROVIDING FOR THE SPECIFIC USE OF THE DONATED FUNDS; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO MAKE THE DONATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina, a category four storm, devastated the Gulf Coast; and

WHEREAS, USA Today has reported that Hurricane Katrina has been one of the most destructive events in the United States since the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, news reports from New Orleans and surrounding areas have shown mass damage that will take years to overcome; and

WHEREAS, the effects of Hurricane Katrina can be felt throughout the entire Country; and

WHEREAS, residents of the Town of Southwest Ranches have already experienced higher gas prices and increased insurance premiums due to this catastrophic event; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches feels that it is necessary to give assistance to a fellow municipality in need; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Southwest Ranches, through this Resolution, seeks to donate ten thousand dollars to the American Red Cross, a non-sectarian organization, in the name of the residents of the Town of Southwest Ranches, for hurricane relief efforts; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross since its founding in 1881 has been the nation's premier emergency response organization and provider of neutral humanitarian aide to the victims of devastating natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Southwest Ranches hopes that its donation will help those effected by the event to rebuild.

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

Section 1: The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2: The Town Council hereby determines that the Town and its residents have been directly and indirectly impacted by Hurricane Katrina and in a humanitarian effort to aid those affected, the Town Council has determined that there is a legitimate public purpose for a \$10,000 donation to be made to the American Red Cross to support its efforts in providing humanitarian aide.

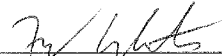
Section 3: The Town Council hereby directs that the donated funds be used exclusively for Hurricane Katrina relief.

Section 4: The Town Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to make a \$10,000 donation to the American Red Cross for Hurricane Katrina relief.

Section 5: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this 8th day of September 2005, on a motion by Council Member Jeff Nelson and seconded by Council Member Aster Knight.

Fink	<u>Y</u>	Ayes	<u>5</u>
Blanton	<u>Y</u>	Nays	<u>0</u>
Knight	<u>Y</u>	Absent or	
Maines	<u>Y</u>	Abstaining	<u>0</u>
Nelson	<u>Y</u>		



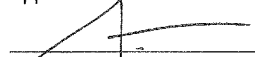
Mecca Fink, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shari Canada, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:



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

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