

RESOLUTION NO. 2008 - 068

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, OPPOSING THE PRIVATIZATION OF FLORIDA'S TOLL ROADS; URGING MUNICIPALITIES AND GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AS WELL AS THE FLORIDA ELECTORATE, TO OPPOSE THE LEASING OF TOLL FACILITIES TO PRIVATE ENTITIES; DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO PROVIDED CERTIFIED COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in 2007, the State of Florida, pursuant to House Bill 7033, adopted a bill to enable the privatization of Florida's toll roads; and

WHEREAS, in response to this bill the state has initiated the process of creating a procurement to privatize Alligator Alley, Sunshine Skyway Bridge, Bee Line East Expressway, Navarre Bridge, and the Pinellas Byway; and

WHEREAS, the privatization of these roadways will cause a dramatic escalation in tolls and will takes public roadways, funded by tax payer revenues, out of the publics' control; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches believes that the privatization of these roadways will be detrimental to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida deems it to be in the best interests of the citizens and residents of the entire State to oppose the privatization of Florida's toll roads.

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

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

Section 2. The Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida hereby opposes the privatization of Florida's toll roads. The Town Council further urges

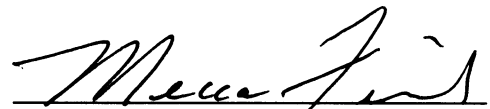
municipalities and governmental entities throughout the State of Florida, as well as the Florida electorate, to oppose the leasing of toll facilities to private entities.

Section 3. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to the appropriate governmental agencies, including, the Governor of the State of Florida, the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, the President of the Florida Senate, the members of the Broward County Legislative delegation, the Florida League of Cities, the Broward League of Cities, all municipalities in Broward County, and the Board of County Commissioners for Broward County.

Section 4. 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 5th day of June 2008, on a motion by Council Member Aster Knight and seconded by Council Member Steve Breitkreuz.

Fink	<u>Y</u>	Ayes	<u>Y</u>
Nelson	<u>Y</u>	Nays	<u>Y</u>
Breitkreuz	<u>Y</u>	Absent	<u>Y</u>
Knight	<u>Y</u>	Abstaining	<u>Y</u>
Maines	<u>Y</u>		


Mecca Fink, Mayor

ATTEST:


Susan A. Owens, CMC, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:


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

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