

RESOLUTION NO. 2009 - 040

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, ENCOURAGING THE 2009 FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO EQUALIZE FUNDING BASED ON POPULATION TO PROVIDE EACH REGION OF FLORIDA, INCLUDING SOUTH FLORIDA, ITS FAIR SHARE OF STATE FUNDING; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature recently approved a state budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 of approximately \$66 billion; and

WHEREAS, the state's fiscal year 2008-2009 budget cut approximately \$5 billion from the previous year's budget of more than \$71 billion; and

WHEREAS, it has long been the public perception that the residents of Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach Counties pay more in taxes to the State of Florida than these counties get back in state programs and services; and

WHEREAS, a recent study by the Miami Herald concluded that the people of Miami-Dade and Broward Counties sent over \$7.15 billion in tax revenues to Tallahassee annually, but only received \$6.69 billion back resulting in a difference of \$460 million, which equals \$144 for every adult in these two counties; and

WHEREAS, including Palm Beach County in this analysis likely would bring the annual difference to more than a half billion dollars between what the people of Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach County contribute in tax revenue to the State of Florida compared with what the residents of these three counties receive back in state services and programs; and

WHEREAS, state funding probably can never be an exact science, but the Florida Legislature should strive as much as possible to provide each different region of the state its fair share of state funding; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches believes that equitable distribution of state funding based on population, as set forth herein, is in the best interest of the citizens and residents of the Town.

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

Section 1: That the foregoing "Whereas" paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and same are hereby made a specific part of this resolution.

Section 2: The Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, hereby requests the 2009 Florida Legislature to provide each region of the State of Florida, including South Florida, its fair share of State funding based on population.

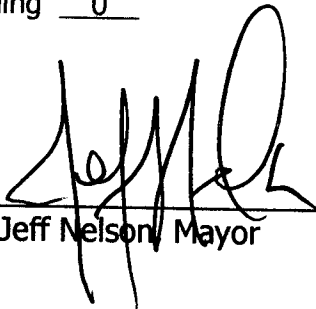
Section 3: The Town Clerk is hereby directed to provide certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, and all the municipalities within Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties.

Section 4: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this 19th day of February, 2009, on a motion by Vice Mayor Steve Breitzkreuz and seconded by Council Member Freddy Fisikelli.

Nelson	<u>Y</u>
Breitzkreuz	<u>Y</u>
Fisikelli	<u>Y</u>
Knight	<u>Absent</u>
McKay	<u>Y</u>

Ayes	<u>4</u>
Nays	<u>0</u>
Absent	<u>1</u>
Abstaining	<u>0</u>



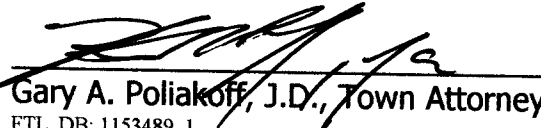
Jeff Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan A. Owens, CMC, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:



Gary A. Poliakoff, J.D., Town Attorney
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certification
I certify this to be a true and correct copy of the record. WITNESSETH my hand and official seal of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida this 2nd day of MARCH 2009 Town Clerk

x 

Susan A. Owens