

RESOLUTION 2005-07
FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES
LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARY ESTHER, FLORIDA URGING MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING ISSUES DURING THE 2006 LEGISLATIVE SESSION, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

WHEREAS, a majority of Florida's municipalities have experienced negative impacts to the infrastructure, housing stock and employment base from a series of natural disasters in the past two years; and

WHEREAS, the state has imposed greater accountability in comprehensive planning and fiscal feasibility standards on municipalities; and

WHEREAS, Florida's municipalities are dependent on other governmental entities for financial stability and presently the state, counties, and school districts, control every funding source 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 from new demands from its citizens and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF MARY ESTHER

Section 1. That the City of Mary Esther urges Governor Jeb Bush and members of the Florida Legislature to support legislation as part of a comprehensive legislative reform package that:

- Preserves municipal autonomy and protects the fundamental right of voluntary self-government.
- Provides municipalities 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 from criminal violations such as driving under the influence of alcohol or other chemical substances.
- Provides a comprehensive and uniform workers' compensation system.

Section 2. That a copy of this resolution shall be provided to Governor Jeb Bush, Senate President Tom Lee, House Speaker Allan Bense and members of the Florida Legislature.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City of Mary Esther, Florida, this 9th Day of January 2006.

Ronald Stearns
Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

Lynne Oler, CMC
City Clerk