

**RESOLUTION NO.2008-033**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA URGING 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 CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; 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 million 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;

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves believe 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 LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are confirmed and ratified as being true and correct and are hereby incorporated herein.

**Section 2.** The Town Council for the Town of Loxahatchee Groves, Florida hereby urges the 2009 Florida Legislature to provide to each region of the State of Florida, including South Florida, its fair share of State funding based on population.

**Section 3.** The Town Council of the Town of Loxahatchee Groves, Florida hereby directs the Town to transmit copies of this Resolution to the Governor, the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House, the Chair and Members of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, the Mayor and Members of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, and the Mayors, Chairs and members of the governing bodies of the municipalities within Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties.

**Section 4.** All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section 5.** If any clause, section, 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 6.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

**ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2008.

ATTEST:

Matthew Lyman  
TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES,  
FLORIDA

David Browning  
Mayor David Browning

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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