

Agenda Item #:

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PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: July 8, 2008

Consent
 Ordinance

Regular
 Public Hearing

Department:

Submitted By: Legislative Affairs

Submitted For: Administration

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to adopt: A resolution expressing concerns over the large population of green iguanas in the County and requesting that the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission enact regulations governing the possession, distribution and release of green iguanas within the State.

Summary: At the request of Commissioner Mary McCarty, the Board directed staff to draft this resolution. Countywide (\$F)

Background and Justification:

Attachment:

- 1. Resolution

Recommended by: Zel J. Blum
Department Director

6/27/08
Date

Approved by: [Signature]
Assistant County Administrator

7/03/08
Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Capital Expenditures	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Operating Costs	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
External Revenues	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Program Income (County)	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
In-Kind Match (County)	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
NET FISCAL IMPACT	See note below.	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>

ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative) _____

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes _____ No _____
 Budget Account No.: Fund _____ Department _____ Unit _____
 Object _____ Program NA

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: _____

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Development and Control Comments:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

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N/A
 Contract Development and Control

B. Legal Sufficiency:

 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director

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This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment

RESOLUTION NO. R-2008-

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING CONCERNS OVER THE LARGE POPULATION OF GREEN IGUANAS IN THE COUNTY AND REQUESTING THAT THE FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION ENACT REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE POSSESSION, DISTRIBUTION AND RELEASE OF GREEN IGUANAS WITHIN THE STATE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County has become home to a large population of green iguanas, as have other counties in the region, with said population rapidly expanding; and

WHEREAS, green iguanas are an invasive species in Florida; and

WHEREAS, the large population of free roaming green iguanas in South Florida is largely the result of the pet trade and owners who have released or allowed the green iguanas to escape; and

WHEREAS, free roaming green iguanas often destroy gardens and landscaping and sometimes eat native endangered plants and plants that are the primary food source for endangered animals; and

WHEREAS, free roaming green iguanas pose a danger to the Florida Burrowing Owl, a species of special concern found in Palm Beach County, by overtaking the owls' burrows; and

WHEREAS, free roaming green iguanas dig burrows that undermine sidewalks, foundations, and seawalls, which may lead to the erosion and eventual collapse of seawalls; and

WHEREAS, green iguanas are large powerful animals with sharp teeth and claws that may pose a danger to people and pets; and

WHEREAS, the large numbers of free roaming green iguanas in Palm Beach County have caused damage to property and created sanitary nuisances within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Constitution vests the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission with the authority and responsibility to regulate wild animal life such as the green iguana; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County, therefore, has limited authority to control the possession, distribution, release and propagation of green iguanas within its borders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:

1. The Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County wishes to express their concerns to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission regarding the widespread population of green iguanas within the county and the region and requests that the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission designate iguanas as "Reptiles of Concern" under the Florida Administrative Code or enact appropriate rules and regulations designed to control the possession, distribution, release and propagation of iguanas throughout the state.

Commissioner Addie L. Greene, Chairperson
Commissioner Jeff Koons, Vice Chair
Commissioner Karen T. Marcus
Commissioner Robert J. Kanjian
Commissioner Mary McCarty
Commissioner Burt Aaronson
Commissioner Jess R. Santamaria

The Chairperson thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this

_____ day of _____, 2008.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA,
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SHARON R. BOCK, CLERK & COMPTROLLER

By: 
Assistant County Attorney

By: _____
Deputy Clerk