

**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

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**Meeting Date:** January 13, 2009

**Consent**       **Regular**  
 **Public Hearing**

**Department:**

**Submitted By: ADMINISTRATION**

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**I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF**

**Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to receive and file:** Resolution No. 2008-2705 of the City Commission of the City of Belle Glade, Florida, urging the Florida Legislature to equalize funding based on population to provide each region of Florida, including South Florida, its fair share of State funding.

**Summary:** N/A

**Background and Justification:** N/A

**Attachments:** Original Document

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**Recommended By:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Patty Hrdle*  
Agenda Coordinator

*12/19/08*  
Date

**Approved By:** \_\_\_\_\_

*N/A*  
Assistant County Administrator

Date

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008- 2705**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO EQUALIZE FUNDING BASED ON POPULATION TO PROVIDE EACH REGION OF FLORIDA, INCLUDING SOUTH FLORIDA, ITS FAIR SHARE OF STATE FUNDING; SUPERSEDING CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Legislature recently approved a state budget for fiscal year 2008-09 of approximately \$66 billion; and

**WHEREAS**, the state's fiscal year 2008-09 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 and Palm Beach counties pay more in taxes to the State of Florida than these counties get back in the 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 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 counties 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


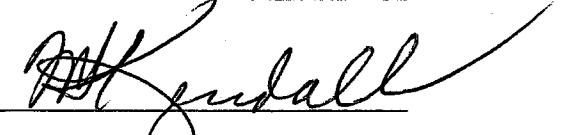
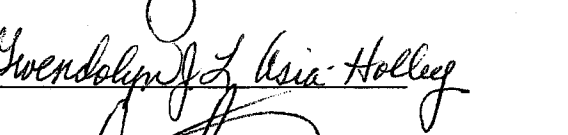
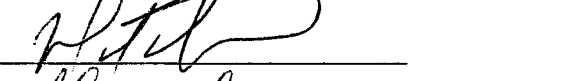

**WHEREAS**, state funding probably can never be an exact science, but the Florida Legislature should strive as much as possible to provide each different region of the state its fair share of state funding.

Resolution No. 2008-2705 Continued


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA:**

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. The Mayor and Commission of the City of Belle Glade, Florida urge the Florida Legislature to provide each region of Florida, including South Florida, its fair share of state funding.
3. The City is hereby directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to the Governor, the President of the Florida Senate, The Speaker of the Florida House, the Mayor and Members of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, the Chair and Members of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, and the Mayors of the governing bodies of the municipalities within Palm Beach counties.
4. That all Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith are and the same are hereby superseded to the extent of such conflict.

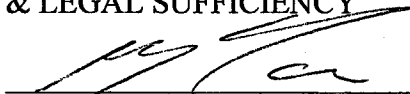
**DONE AND RESOLVED** at Regular Session of the City Commission of the City of Belle Glade, Florida, this 17th day of November, 2008.

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Honorable Mayor Wilson	✓	_____	
Vice Mayor Kendall	✓	_____	
Commissioner Asia-Holley	✓	_____	
Commissioner Martin	✓	_____	
Commissioner Miller	✓	_____	

Resolution No. 2008-2705 Continued

(Municipal Seal)  
Attest  
  
Debra Buff, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
& LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

  
City Attorney

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