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PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	February 24, 2009	(X) Consent () Ordinance	() Regular () Public Hearing
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	I. EXECU	ΓΙVE BRIEF	
Motion and Title: Commissioners of Pa Program for state fisc	alm Beach County, Florida	n to adopt: a Resolution, in support of full fund	on of the Board of County ding of the Florida Forever
successor program environmentally sen additional 10-year pemillion in state mate through the P-2000 I the Florida Commun Hatcher/Jupiter-India other agencies for ac interests of the Coun Forever Program. Co	to the Preservation 200 sitive lands, was reauthor eriod, beginning in July 20 hing funds through the Florogram to assist in its land sities Trust (FCT) for more antown Venture site in FC diditional Florida Forever fity and its citizens for the Countywide (SF)	oo (P-2000) Program ized by the Florida Lo10. Palm Beach Couprida Forever Program at acquisition efforts. See than \$6 million in Flori's 2009 funding cycle ands in future years.	the State of Florida as a for the acquisition of egislature in 2008 for an enty has received over \$37 and more than \$43 million taff anticipates applying to orida Forever funds for the e and applying to FCT and Therefore, it is in the best nued funding of the Florida
largest and most such environmentally sensitive government land according receive more than \$\\$\text{million}\ approved lass Jupiter Ranch proper action taken by the L was reversed by the County to support the matching funds received.	sitive lands. Many of the sitive lands. Many of the sitive lands. Many of the sitive lands in state match state fall by FCT for the Corty). Those funds would he egislature in its recent spe Governor, using his line-in the continued funding of the ved can be used for future	brograms in the countries lands were acquired Beach County has recoining funds from these unty's Cypress Creek have been lost to the Cocial session to balance tem veto power. It is the reauthorized Florid County land acquisition	Forever Programs are the ry for the preservation of in partnership with local eived or been approved to programs, including \$6.3 Phase IV application (the ounty as a consequence of the budget, but that action in the best interest of the la Forever Program. The ons, for the construction of long-term management of
Attachments: 1. Resolution			
Recommended by:	Department Director	-Waluly	2/3/09 Date
Approved by:	County Administrator		

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

Α.	Five Year Summary	y of Fiscal L	mpact:			
Capit	l Years al Expenditures ating Costs	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
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B.	Recommended Source	es of Funds	/Summary of F	iscal Impact:		
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RESOLUTION NO. 2009 - _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING FULL FUNDING OF THE FLORIDA FOREVER LAND CONSERVATION PROGRAM IN FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 AND FUTURE YEARS BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, the Florida Forever Program and its predecessor Preservation 2000 Program (P-2000) have been the State of Florida's premier land preservation programs since 1990 and have provided funds to acquire and thereby protect for future generations much of Florida's best remaining natural land; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County has received more than \$37 million in state matching funds for land acquisition through the Florida Forever Program and more than \$43 million through the P-2000 Program; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Forever Program was reauthorized by the Legislature in its 2008 Session for an additional 10-year period, to begin in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Florida's population continues to grow by more than 1,100 people per day and such population growth has caused the rapid conversion of forests, wetlands, farms, wilderness and other green space to residential or commercial property; and

WHEREAS, the amount of state funds for land acquisition in Florida has not increased since the P-2000 Program began in 1990, while the costs of land acquisition have escalated; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that over \$20 billion in current dollars is needed to acquire wilderness areas, parks and open space to provide for Florida's increasing population; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the State and local governments to protect, preserve, and restore water and land resources for natural systems and human use, as well as for habitat for plants, animals and fisheries; and

WHEREAS, the State and local governments should provide exceptional opportunities for outdoor recreation for all Floridians and visitors in order to enhance Florida's quality of life and economy through increased ecotourism; and

WHEREAS, Florida's native plant and animal species require additional habitat for survival, and Florida's wild lands are being invaded by nonnative plant and animal species and must be managed to protect them from such invasions; and

WHEREAS, land acquisitions under the P-2000 and Florida Forever Programs have provided significant environmental protection but have not yet completed the job of setting aside enough land and water areas to meet Florida's pressing natural resource needs; and

WHEREAS, counties and municipalities throughout the state proposed, and voters approved, referendums in 2008 with the expectation that state matching funds would be available to those partners through the Florida Forever Program for additional acquisitions; and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2008, Amendment 4 to the Florida Constitution, the land conservation amendment, was approved by 68% of voters statewide and 72% of the voters in Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County plans to submit an application to the Florida Communities Trust (FCT) for Florida Forever matching funds for the recently-acquired

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County wishes to preserve the opportunity to apply for Florida Forever matching funds in future years; and

Hatcher/Jupiter-Indiantown Venture site during the 2009 FCT grant cycle; and

WHEREAS, the continued funding of the Florida Forever Program will provide the State and its local government partners the means to meet Florida's critical need to continue to preserve our remaining wild lands, protect our crucial water resources, provide local recreational opportunities, manage publicly-owned conservation and recreation lands at both the state and local levels, and restore major ecosystems in Florida.

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

- 1. The above Whereas clauses are hereby incorporated as findings of fact upon which this Resolution is based.
- 2. The Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners urges the Legislature of the State of Florida to fully fund the Florida Forever Program in fiscal year 2009-2010 and future years.
 - 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner			, who moved its		
adoption. The mot	ion was seconded by Commissioner_	# # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # # #	_, and upon being	put to a	
vote, the vote was a	s follows:				
District 1:	Karen T. Marcus				
District 2:	John F. Koons				
District 3:	Shelley Vana				
District 4:					
District 5:	Burt Aaronson				
District 6:	Jess R. Santamaria				
District 7:	Addie L. Greene			j	

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The Chair thereupon declared the resolution 2009.	n duly passed and adopted this day of
APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY	PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
By: Assistant County Attorney	SHARON R. BOCK, CLERK & COMPTROLLER
	By: