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Agenda Item #:

4B1

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: November 24, 2009

Consent

Regular

Ordinance

Public Hearing

Department:

Submitted By: Legislative Affairs

Submitted For: Administration

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff requests Board direction: on a Resolution By The Board Of County Commissioners Of Palm Beach County, Florida, requesting that Governor Crist, Senate President Atwater, and House Speaker Cretul oppose legislation or pending compacts that would place Palm Beach County pari-mutuel facilities at an unfair competitive disadvantage to other venues as it relates to the expansion of gambling in the State.

Summary: By resolution of the Tourist Development Council, it was requested the County oppose the current draft of the pending Seminole Compact. COUNTYWIDE (DW)

Background and Justification: At its regular meeting of October 8, 2009, the TDC voted to advise the Board of County Commission of its opposition to the proposed Seminole Compact based on the Compact's potential adverse effects on Palm Beach County tourism, and to recommend that the Board of County Commissioners take appropriate action to oppose the State of Florida Seminole Compact.

Attachment:

1. Resolution

Recommended by: _____
Department Director

Date

Approved by: *Paul M. ...*
Assistant County Administrator

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		<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u> <i>* see below</i>	<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:

** NO Fiscal Impact*

 OFMB
11/23/09
11/23/09
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11-23-09


 Contract Development and Control
11/23/09

B. Legal Sufficiency:


 Assistant County Attorney
11/23/09

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-2009-

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, OPPOSING LEGISLATION OR PENDING STATE COMPACTS THAT WOULD PLACE PALM BEACH COUNTY PARI-MUTUEL FACILITIES AT AN UNFAIR COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGE TO OTHER VENUES AS IT RELATES TO THE EXPANSION OF GAMBLING IN THE STATE.

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach Kennel Club (Kennel Club) is one of the nation's finest greyhound racing facilities, employing six hundred and twenty-four people with a 2008 payroll of \$10.2 million; and

WHEREAS, the Kennel Club is one of the biggest tourist attractions in the area with an attendance of 763,000 in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Seminole Compact with the State of Florida will prevent the Kennel Club from expanding gaming to compete with existing and future gambling facilities in Miami-Dade and Broward County and could result in the demise of the Kennel Club; and

WHEREAS, the Tourist Development Council (TDC), serving as the advisory body to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for matters relating to Palm Beach County tourism has considered the potential effects of the proposed Seminole Compact on the future growth and potential existence of the Kennel Club; and

WHEREAS, the TDC has expressed its concern that the proposed Seminole Compact could have a severe and adverse impact on Palm Beach County tourism and its ability to compete with Miami- Dade and Broward counties for tourists interested in gambling opportunities; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting of October 8, 2009, the TDC voted to advise the BCC of its opposition to the proposed Seminole Compact based on the Compact's potential adverse effects on Palm Beach County tourism and to recommend that the BCC take appropriate action to oppose the State of Florida Seminole Compact.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

- 1) The Board of County Commissioners believe that if passed in its current form, the proposed Seminole Compact with the State of Florida will prevent Palm Beach County facilities from being able to expand gaming to compete with existing and future gambling facilities in Miami-Dade and Broward County and could result in the demise of Palm Beach County's pari-mutuel industry.
- 2) The Board of County Commissioners opposes legislation or pending compacts that would place Palm Beach County pari-mutuel facilities at an unfair competitive disadvantage to other venues as it relates to the expansion of gambling in the state.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner _____ who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to vote, the motion passed as follows:

Commissioner Burt Aaronson, Chair
Commissioner Karen T. Marcus, Vice Chair
Commissioner John F. Koons
Commissioner Shelley Vana
Commissioner Steven L. Abrams
Commissioner Jess R. Santamaria
Commissioner Priscilla A. Taylor

The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2009.

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

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By: 
Assistant County Attorney