

PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: April 6, 2010

Consent Regular
 Workshop Public Hearing

Department: County Administration
Submitted By: County Administration
Submitted For: Office of Economic Development

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to adopt: a Resolution by the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida, urging the Florida Legislature to support initiatives that would preserve the United States as the leader in space and Florida's continuance as an essential component of the Nation's Space Program.

Summary: The State of Florida has played a key role in the U.S. National Space Program (Program) from its inception as the premier launch site. The Program had a \$4.1 billion state-wide economic output in 2008 alone including \$103 million in state and local taxes. There are over 100,000 workers in all 67 counties engaged in space related industries, and a statewide economic impact of \$20 billion. Countywide (DW)

Background and Justification: President Obama's 2011 budget request for NASA cut the agency's Constellation program that would effectively cancel a five-year, \$9 billion effort to build spacecraft and rockets. The Constellation Program is a human spaceflight program within NASA, the space agency of the United States.

Attachments:

- 1. Resolution

Recommended by: Jimmy Howard 3-30-2010
Economic Development Director Date

Approved by: Sharon Q. Long _____
Assistant County Administrator Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Expenditure	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Cost	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenue	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (PBC)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (PBC)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
NET FISCAL IMPACT	<u> \$ 0 </u>	<u> \$ 0 </u>	<u> \$ 0 </u>	_____	_____
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Is Item Included In Current Budget? Yes _____ No _____

Fund Dept. Unit Object Various

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

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: _____

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Administration Comments:

**NO fiscal impact*
 _____ *R. Diaz* *3/31/2010*
 OFMB *3/31/10*

_____ *Jim J. Jacobson* *4/1/10*
 Contract Development and Control
6/2/09 3/31/10

B. Legal Sufficiency:

_____ *[Signature]* *4/1/10*
 Sr. Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

_____ Department Director

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT INITIATIVES THAT WOULD PRESERVE THE UNITED STATES AS THE LEADER IN SPACE AND FLORIDA'S CONTINUANCE AS AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT OF THE NATION'S SPACE PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, this is the moment in our Country's history for genuine commitment to remain a leader in space through a bold declaration of a defined purpose, identified destination, and a clear timeframe; and

WHEREAS, the ability to adequately guarantee the defense of this nation has in the past relied upon having the best Army, Navy and Air Force; and

WHEREAS, the importance of the United States remaining a leader in space transcends national pride in prior achievements to a call for space exploration that pushes the envelope in new innovations, new products, and new industries that will secure our place as an economic superpower in this global, borderless, and knowledge-based economy; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has played a key role in our national space program from its inception as the premier launch site with a \$4.1 billion state-wide economic output in 2008 alone, including \$103 million in state and local taxes; and a \$43.9 billion statewide aerospace federal, state and industry economic impact; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has enthusiastically embraced and demonstrated its commitment to the space program's continued presence in Florida with a total \$8 billion investment in infrastructure and a current Governor's budget which proposes \$32.6 million for space; and

WHEREAS, 100,000 jobs statewide in all 67 counties have been associated with the space program in the state of Florida making it one of the largest employers in the state; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is privileged to share the experience of space exploration and technology with thousands of visitors who contribute \$90 million annually to the economy when they visit the "Sunshine State" to experience the pride and excitement of participation in this vital aspect of our nation's space program.

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

Section I. The United States remains the leader in space with a strong declaration by the Administration of a goal, a destination, and a time frame for human space flight.

Section II. The United States remains competitive on the international level as an economic superpower, leading the world in research and technology that improves life for all mankind.

Section III. The United States ensures its national security by retaining its military superiority, which reaches to the farthest corners of the universe.

Section IV. The United States remains the leader in space exploration with the commitment to fund construction of Florida's 21st century launch facilities.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner _____ who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and, being put to a vote, the vote was 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 _____, 2010.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By:  _____
County Attorney

SHARON R. BOCK, CLERK & COMPTROLLER
By: _____
Deputy Clerk