Agenda Item #: 3A-1

# PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

#### AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: December 20, 2011	[X] []	Consent Ordinance	0	Regular Public Hearing
Department:				
Submitted By: Administration				
Submitted For: Legislative Affairs				
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#### I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

**Motion and Title: Staff recommends a motion to ADOPT**: a resolution of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners in support of preserving county home rule authority during the 2012 state legislative session.

**Summary:** At the November 2011 Florida Association of Counties Legislative Conference, the following statement on preserving home rule authority was adopted:

Home Rule: County officials are dedicated to the preservation of democratic principles, specifically that the government closest to the people is the appropriate authority to serve the needs and requirements of the community. Home rule is the right of the people to determine and implement a public purpose at the grassroots level. Home rule power is conferred to Florida counties by Article VIII, Sections 1(f) and 1(g) of the Florida Constitution (1968), and by Section 125.01, Florida Statutes. The preservation of this fundamental democratic concept is essential to the operation of county governments in Florida. Accordingly, the Florida Association of Counties is dedicated to maintaining the integrity of county home rule power, both administrative and fiscal, which allows counties to develop and implement community-based solutions to local problems.

This resolution further supports this guiding legislative principal of the Florida Association of Counties and incorporates it into Palm Beach County's legislative priority agenda. **Countywide** (DW)

**Background and Justification:** At the December 6, 2011 Board of County Commissioners' regular meeting, staff was directed to compose a resolution supporting the Florida Association Counties' position on home rule authority.

Attachments: None		
Recommended by:	7ll Jelus	12/15/11
	↑ Department Director	Date
Approved by:	during	
	Assistant County Administrator	Date

## II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

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(THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR PAYMENT.)

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### Resolution No. 2011-\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF PRESERVING COUNTY HOME RULE AUTHORITY DURING THE 2012 STATE LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County, Florida firmly believes in the position of the Florida Association of Counties related to Home Rule, which reads:

County officials are dedicated to the preservation of democratic principles, specifically that the government closest to the people is the appropriate authority to serve the needs and requirements of the community. Home rule is the right of the people to determine and implement a public purpose at the grassroots level. Home rule power is conferred to Florida counties by Article VIII, Sections 1(f) and 1(g) of the Florida Constitution (1968), and by Section 125.01, Florida Statutes. The preservation of this fundamental democratic concept is essential to the operation of county governments in Florida. Accordingly, the Florida Association of Counties is dedicated to maintaining the integrity of county home rule power, both administrative and fiscal, which allows counties to develop and implement community-based solutions to local problems.

; and

WHEREAS, Home Rule Authority was authorized by the Florida Constitution in 1968; and

WHEREAS, during the November 6, 1984 general election, Palm Beach County voters approved the Home Rule Authority option: 152,495 in favor and 92,776 opposed; and

WHEREAS, true Home Rule Authority gives the Board of County Commissioners the ability to create local laws, through a local public hearing ordinance procedure, that are not in conflict with or specifically prohibited by state general law or the state constitution; and

WHEREAS, local governments should be able to pass rules and laws to meet the specific needs of its community without interference from the Legislature.

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

- Palm Beach County requests the Legislature of the State of Florida to support efforts that maintain counties' home rule authority.
- Palm Beach County encourages the Legislature of the State of Florida to support the
  Florida Association of Counties' position on Home Rule to the extent allowable under the
  Florida Constitution and Florida Statute.
- 3. A copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Governor of Florida, the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, members of the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation, and the Florida Association of Counties.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Cadoption. The motion was seconded by Commissi vote, the vote was as follows:	Commissioner, who moved its oner, and upon being put to a		
Commissioner Shelley Vana, Chair Commissioner Steven L. Abrams, Vice Cha Commissioner Karen T. Marcus Commissioner Paulette Burdick Commissioner Burt Aaronson Commissioner Jess R. Santamaria	airman		
Commissioner Priscilla A. Taylor  The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution, 2011.	on 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: Assistan County Attorney	Sharon R. Bock, Clerk & Comptroller  By:  Deputy Clerk		