

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC. SUPPORTING THE REQUEST OF THE TRI-CITIES COALITION URGING THE ADOPTION OF A LOCAL PREFERENCE POLICY BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY TO BE IMPLEMENTED WHENEVER THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES OR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IS DESIRED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WITHIN THE GLADES AREA; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc. has been made aware that the Cities of Belle Glade, Pahokee and South Bay (the "Glades") have unemployment rates well in excess of the state and national averages; and

WHEREAS, due in part to this increased unemployment in the Glades, there appears to be a genuine need to provide more employment opportunities for the residents of the Glades and enhanced opportunities for the businesses in the Glades in view of the unique geographic and economic issues in this area; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County has adopted a "Local Preference in Purchasing Ordinance" which establishes "...a preference for businesses and subcontractors located in the Glades when the goods, services or construction will be utilized or built within the Glades"; and

WHEREAS, the Tri-Cities Coalition of the Glades has requested that the Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc. support its request whereby the Coalition urges the School District of Palm Beach County to adopt a policy which would provide for preference to the residents and businesses of the Glades whenever the School District procures goods and services or constructs public improvements in the Glades region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC., THAT:

SECTION 1: The Board of Directors of the Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc. (the "Board") hereby supports the request of the Tri-Cities Coalition urging the School District of Palm Beach County to adopt a policy which would provide for preference to the residents and businesses of the Glades whenever the School District procures goods and services or constructs public improvements in the Glades region.

SECTION 2: The Board requests that a copy of this Resolution be sent to all municipalities in Palm Beach County, the Palm Beach County School Board and Superintendent Dr. Art Johnson.

SECTION 3: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Board of Directors of the Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of January, 2010.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE PALM BEACH COUNTY
LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.



Mayor Thomas E. Lynch, President
(SEAL)

ATTEST:



Mo Thornton, Secretary/Treasurer