

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PALM BEACH COUNTY LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC. URGING THE GOVERNOR OF FLORIDA, THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO PREVENT THE CLOSURE OF GLADES CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTE IN THE CITY OF BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc. (the Board) has become aware of the proposed closure of the Glades Correctional Institute in the very near future; and

**WHEREAS**, Glades Correctional Institute has been a major employer in the Glades Region, a designated Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern, since 1932; and

**WHEREAS**, the FY 2012 State of Florida budget does not contain appropriations large enough to maintain operations at the facility; and

**WHEREAS**, Glades Correctional Institute is not included on the Region 4 Request for Proposal list for privatization; and

**WHEREAS**, the economic impact of such closure is estimated at 587 direct and indirect jobs lost, \$29 million dollars in lost wages, and \$38.1 million dollars in gross domestic product losses to the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Glades Region is currently experiencing an unemployment rate near 40% in some locations; and

**WHEREAS**, the jobs that would be lost as a result of such closure are jobs that are generally higher paying jobs with benefits, an uncommon job in an area of predominately agricultural jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc. believes that the current proposal for closure of the Glades Correctional Institute is not in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Florida.

**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 requests the Governor, in partnership with the Florida Department of Corrections and the Florida Legislature, to continue the operation of the Glades Correctional Institute.

**SECTION 2:** The Board hereby requests that this resolution be sent directly to the Governor of Florida, the Secretary of the Florida Department of Corrections, the Mayors of City of Pahokee, the City of South Bay, the City of Belle Glade and members of the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2011.

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

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Vice Mayor Lisa A. Tropepe, President  
(SEAL)

ATTEST:

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Mo Thornton, Secretary/Treasurer

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