

**TOWN OF DAVIE**  
**TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM/PHONE:** Gary P. Shimun, Town Administrator/797-1034

**PREPARED BY:** Russell C. Muniz, CMC, Town Clerk/797-1023

**SUBJECT:** Resolution

**AFFECTED DISTRICT:** Town-Wide

**ITEM REQUEST:** **Schedule for Council Meeting**

**TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM:** EQUALIZE FUDNING - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO EQUALIZE FUNDING BASED ON POPULATION TO PROVIDE EACH REGION OF FLORIDA, INCLUDING SOUTH FLORIDA, ITS FAIR SHARE OF STATE FUNDING, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**REPORT IN BRIEF:** The State Legislature should provide funding to counties based on population. The cost of living in the South Florida region is higher than most others in the state. Apportioning money based on population would distribute state revenue more equitably thereby distributing the money where it is needed most.

**PREVIOUS ACTIONS:** N/A

**CONCURRENCES:** N/A

**FISCAL IMPACT:** not applicable

Has request been budgeted? n/a

**RECOMMENDATION(S):** Motion to approve the resolution.

**Attachment(s):** Resolution

RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO EQUALIZE FUNDING BASED ON POPULATION TO PROVIDE EACH REGION OF FLORIDA, INCLUDING SOUTH FLORIDA, ITS FAIR SHARE OF STATE FUNDING, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature recently approved a state budget for fiscal year 2008-09 of approximately \$66 billion; and

WHEREAS, the state's fiscal year 2008-09 budget cut approximately \$5 billion from the previous year's budget of more than \$71 billion; and

WHEREAS, it has long been the public perception that the residents of Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties pay more in taxes to the State of Florida than these counties get back in state programs and services; and

WHEREAS, a recent study by the Miami Herald concluded that the people of Miami-Dade and Broward Counties sent over \$7.15 billion in tax revenues to Tallahassee annually, but only received \$6.69 million back, resulting in a difference of \$460 million, which equals \$144 for every adult in these

two counties; and

WHEREAS, including Palm Beach County in this analysis likely would bring the annual difference to more than a half billion dollars between what the people of Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach County contribute in tax revenue to the State of Florida compared with what the residents of these three counties receive back in state services and programs; and

WHEREAS, state funding probably can never be an exact science, but the Florida Legislature should strive to equitably distribute funding based on population to different regions of the state as much as possible to provide each different region of the state its fair share of state funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to apportion funding based on population, to provide each region of the State of Florida, including South Florida, its fair share of state funding.

SECTION 2. The Town Clerk is directed to transmit certified copies of this Resolution to the Governor, the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House, and the Mayor and members of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners.

SECTION 3. The Town Administrator shall direct the Town's lobbyist to advocate for the issues identified in Section 1 above.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2008

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MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST:

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TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2008