

RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING A MAJOR URBAN INITIATIVE AS PART OF A SUCCESSOR PROGRAM TO FLORIDA'S PRESERVATION 2000 PROGRAM WHICH WOULD ASSIST COMMUNITIES IN PROVIDING OUTSTANDING PARK, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AREAS.

WHEREAS, Preservation 2000 has been a tremendous success and a successor program should be developed by the Florida Legislature during the 1999 legislative session; and

WHEREAS, it is important that Florida's communities provide adequate park, recreation and conservation open spaces as an essential quality of life element; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to create and maintain a balanced system of active and passive park, recreation and conservation open spaces in every Florida community; and

WHEREAS, park, recreation and conservation open spaces provide Florida with innumerable health, social, economic and environmental benefits; and

WHEREAS, strong, balanced urban park, recreation and conservation open space systems close to where people live greatly reduces the demand for public access on the most environmentally sensitive state and federal lands; and

WHEREAS, the estimated funding needed by Florida's communities to meet the current demand for open space acquisition, new facility development, and restoration currently exceeds \$4.7 million; and

WHEREAS, Florida's communities manage more than 18,000 acres of State land, most of which is environmentally sensitive, without State financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of documentary stamp tax revenue funding Florida's current and future land conservation programs is generated in urban counties; and

WHEREAS, more documentary stamp tax revenue should come back to Florida's communities to protect and improve park, recreation and conservation open space where people live; and

WHEREAS, the successor program to Preservation 2000 must create a Livable Cities Initiative which would allocate a minimum of 30% of annual appropriations to urban

park, recreation and conservation open space acquisition, new facility development, facility renovation, and natural areas restoration and, further, would make maintenance funding available to communities managing state lands.

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

SECTION 1. The Town Council of the Town of Davie does hereby endorse the Livable Cities Initiative as a major part of the new Preservation 2000 Program and encourages the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate to approve such legislation.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 1999.

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MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST:

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TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 1999.

# **MEMORANDUM**

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** Mayor and Town Council

**THROUGH:** Robert Rawls, Interim Town Administrator

**FROM:** Sharon Kent, Community Services Director

**DATE:** February 24, 1999

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Endorsing the Continuation of Preservation  
2000 Program

In 1990, the State of Florida adopted Preservation 2000 which saved almost a million acres of environmentally sensitive land and natural areas. The statewide bond was backed by revenues from the documentary stamp tax and is scheduled to sunset in less than two years.

The attached resolution is endorsing the passage of a new Preservation 2000 Program by the State Legislature which would address the future funding for preserving Open Space and improvements to create accessible recreational facilities throughout the state of Florida.

The proposed funding would be generated from the documentary stamp tax, which is generated from Florida's seven most populated counties. The language in the proposed Preservation 2000 Program would create a Livable Cities Initiative which would allocate 30% of annual appropriations to urban park, recreation and conservation open space acquisition, new park facility development, facility renovation and natural areas to be restored, as well as maintenance funding available to communities managing state lands.