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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: June 17, 2008

SUBJECT: **City of Margate Resolution No. 11-205**

This LTC is to inform you of receipt of attached Resolution No. 11-205, adopted by the City of Margate on May 7, 2008, urging to consider dividing the State of Florida into two separate and distinct states.

JMG:REP/kh

Attachment

c: Hilda Fernandez, Assistant City Manager
Tim Hemstreet, Assistant City Manager
Robert Middaugh, Assistant City Manager
Robert Parcher, City Clerk

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City Manager
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City Attorney
Eugene M. Steinfeld

City Clerk
Leslie Wallace

City of Margate, Florida

June 11, 2008

RE: RESOLUTION 11-205 SUPPORTING SEVERING THE TIES OF MIAMI-DADE, BROWARD, AND PALM BEACH COUNTIES FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND ESTABLISHING THEIR OWN 51ST STATE OF THE FEDERAL UNION OF THE UNITED STATES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Dear Elected Officials:

Enclosed is a copy of the above-described Resolution that was adopted by the Margate City Commission on May 7, 2008, and is being sent to you on their behalf.

Please call my office should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Leslie Wallace
City Clerk

LW/dm
Enclosure

CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY THIS TO BE A TRUE & CORRECT COPY
OF THE DOCUMENT ON FILE AT CITY HALL
WITNESS BY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL OF
THE CITY OF MARGATE THIS 16th DAY
OF May, 2008.
Diane M. ...
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 11-205

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA;
IN SUPPORT OF SEVERING THE TIES OF MIAMI-
DADE, BROWARD, PALM BEACH, LEE, COLLIER AND
MONROE COUNTIES FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND
ESTABLISHING THEIR OWN 51ST STATE OF THE
FEDERAL UNION OF THE UNITED STATES; PROVIDING
FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY;
AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the State of Florida became a United States territory in 1819 and entered the Federal Union of the United States of America as a state in 1845, and;

WHEREAS, Florida has grown from a thinly populated rural state to the fourth most populous state of the United States. Population estimated to be nearly 19 million, and;

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has grow from two initial counties to that of sixty-seven counties of which the most populous and urban are the three counties of Miami- Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach and;

WHEREAS, the counties of Miami Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach being the most populated, and have out of necessity, requirements for conducting their affairs, that are different and often times more intense than other portions of the State and;

WHEREAS, local governments representing the citizens within the counties of Miami Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach earnestly feel that the government of the State of Florida has, as in the past, but more so today, ignored the requirements of the citizens which comprise the three most populous counties of southeast Florida both for funding from the of the State government of Florida and for laws and regulations which are needed to secure the quality of life, benefits of liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and;

WHEREAS, Southeast Florida contributes more tax revenue to the State of Florida that it receives from the present State government, and;

WHEREAS, the above described local governments have been refused access to many state elected officials to even discuss the problems of Southeast Florida, and;

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America provides that;

"whenever any ...government becomes destructive of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness it is the right of the people to alter or abolish and to institute new government...", and;

WHEREAS, local governments within the southeast State of Florida clearly believe the conduct of the government of the state of Florida, particularly the legislature of same, has been destructive of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for said area and;

WHEREAS, local governments within Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach, believe that it is in the best interest of its citizens to sever the ties that said citizens have with the State of Florida and formulate and establish their own state of the Federal Union of the United States.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Commission of the City of Margate Florida,

Section 1: That the above preamble be hereby endorsed and adopted herein.

Section 2: The City Commission of the City of Margate Florida goes on record supporting an Act of Congress reorganizing a 51st state of the Federal Union comprised of the counties of Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Lee, Collier and Monroe Counties within the area of the State of Florida.

Section 3: That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the elected head of government of the counties and municipalities within Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties.

Section 4: That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the Congressional Delegation of the state of Florida, to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, and President pro tem of the Senate of the United States.

SECTION 5: All resolutions or parts of resolutions on in conflict herewith be, and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 6: If any clause, section, other part of application of the Resolution is held by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, in part or application, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this Resolution.

SECTION 7: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 7th DAY OF MAY, 2008.

ATTEST:

Leslie Rae Wallace
LESLIE RAE WALLACE
CITY CLERK

Pam Donovan
MAYOR PAM DONOVAN

RECORD OF VOTE

McLean	Yes
Talerico	Aye
Varsallone	Yes
Bross	Aye
Donovan	Yes