



# MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jorge Gonzalez, City Manager

FROM: Matti Herrera Bower, Mayor 

DATE: January 14, 2009

SUBJECT: **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO EQUALIZE FUNDING BASED ON POPULATION TO PROVIDE EACH REGION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, INCLUDING SOUTH FLORIDA, ITS FAIR SHARE OF STATE FUNDING.**

Please place on the January 28 Miami Beach City Commission agenda a discussion regarding a Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to Equalize Funding based on population to provide each region of the state of Florida, including South Florida, its Fair Share of state funding.

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO EQUALIZE FUNDING BASED ON POPULATION TO PROVIDE EACH REGION OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, INCLUDING SOUTH FLORIDA, ITS FAIR SHARE OF STATE FUNDING.**

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Legislature recently approved a state budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 of approximately \$66 Billion; and

**WHEREAS**, the state's fiscal year 2008-2009 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 revenues to Tallahassee annually, but only received \$6.69 Billion 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 Counties 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 may not be an exact science, but the Florida Legislature should strive as much as possible to provide to each different region of the state its fair share of state funding.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA**, that the Florida Legislature is urged to provide each region of Florida, including South Florida, its fair share of state funding and the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to the Governor, the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House, the Mayor and Members of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, the Chair and Members of the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, and the Mayors, Chairs, and members of the governing bodies of the municipalities within Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2009.

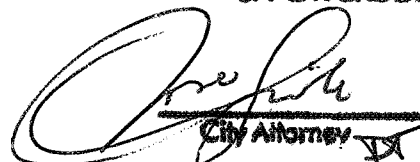
ATTEST:

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Robert Parcher  
City Clerk

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Matti Herrera Bower  
Mayor

**APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION**

  
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City Attorney

1/14/09  
Date