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A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND ORDERING THE HOLDING OF A BOND REFERENDUM IN MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ON THE QUESTION OF ISSUING NOT MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$25,000,000) GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF LANDS IN MANATEE COUNTY TO HELP PROTECT LAKE MANATEE AS A SOURCE OF PUBLIC DRINKING WATER; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION AND ISSUANCE OF BONDS UPON APPROVAL OF QUALIFIED ELECTORS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida (the "Board"), finds it expedient at this time to provide for the acquisition of lands located in Manatee County, Florida (the "County"), in and adjacent to the watershed of Lake Manatee ("Watershed Lands"), including property known as the Estech Duette Mine site, to help protect Lake Manatee as a source of public drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the Board contemplates financing the purchase of Watershed Lands by issuing General Obligations Bonds (the "Bonds"), in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$25,000,000, to be secured by the full faith and credit of the County, for the payment of all or a portion of the costs of the acquisition of the Watershed Lands and to pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to call and to hold a bond referendum, submitting for the approval or disapproval of the residents who are qualified electors of and reside within the County, the question whether the issuance of the Bonds should be authorized.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That a special bond referendum is hereby ordered to be held in Manatee County, Florida, on the 6th day of November, 1984 to determine whether there shall be authorized the issuance of General Obligation Bonds of the County ("Bonds") not exceeding Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000) at not exceeding the legal interest rate, maturing not later than 40 years from issuance with principal and interest payable from ad valorem taxes levied and collected in Manatee County, to finance acquisition of lands in

1 Manatee County in and adjacent to the watershed of Lake Manatee
2 to help protect Lake Manatee as a source of public drinking
3 water, such lands to include all or a portion of the approxima-
4 tely 10,500 acres of real property known as the Estech Duette
5 Mine site.

6 Section 2. Upon approval of the bond referendum by the
7 qualified electors of the County as specified in Section 4 hereof,
8 General Obligation Bonds of the County shall be authorized to be
9 issued in an aggregate amount not to exceed Twenty-Five Million
10 Dollars (\$25,000,000) to finance all or a portion of the purchase
11 of Watershed Lands and to pay the costs of the Bonds, together
12 with all other costs incidental thereto, for which the full faith
13 and credit of the County is pledged. The principal of, and
14 interest on, such Bonds shall be payable at such times and in
15 such manner as shall hereafter be determined by subsequent resolu-
16 tion of the Board, and such Bonds shall be payable from ad
17 valorem taxes levied and collected in the County without limita-
18 tion as to rate or amount on all taxable property in said County
19 sufficient to pay the principal of, and interest on, such Bonds
20 as the same become due and payable.

21 Section 3. That the Bonds shall not be issued unless
22 such Bonds shall be approved at the bond referendum hereinafter
23 provided for, by a majority of the qualified electors residing in
24 the County and voting in such election all in the manner provided
25 in the Constitution and the Statutes of Florida.

26 Section 4. Polling locations or places shall be deter-
27 mined by the Supervisor of Elections for Manatee County, Florida,
28 and all qualified electors of the County who vote in said elec-
29 tion shall vote at said designated polling places. The polls
30 shall be open on the date of said bond referendum from seven o'clock
31 A.M. until seven o'clock P.M. on the same day. Only the duly
32 qualified electors residing in the County will be permitted to
33 vote in said bond referendum.

1 Section 5. The Clerk of the Circuit Court, Ex-Officio
2 Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, Manatee County,
3 Florida (the "Clerk"), shall prepare and give notice of the bond
4 referendum, by causing a copy of this resolution, with an appropri-
5 ate caption, to be published at least twice, once in the fifth
6 week and once in the third week prior to the date of the bond
7 referendum in The Bradenton Herald, the first publication to be not
8 less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the bond referendum
9 The Clerk shall secure from the publisher of said newspaper an ap-
10 propriate affidavit of proof that the resolution has been duly
11 published as herein set forth, and said affidavit shall be made a
12 part of the record of the Board of County Commissioners of Mana-
13 tee County, Florida.

14 Section 6. The vote at said bond referendum shall be by
15 computer ballot and in each polling place there shall be at least
16 one computer ballot system. Paper ballots shall be used for absen-
17 tee voting. It shall be the responsibility of the Supervisor of
18 Elections for Manatee County, Florida, to have prepared and fur-
19 nished to the inspectors for said referendum computer ballot
20 systems in such numbers as shall be required to carry out the
21 intent of this resolution, and to have prepared and approved by
22 the proper authorities and installed in the computer ballot
23 systems such ballots or other data as shall be necessary to con-
24 duct the referendum of the qualified electors residing in the
25 County relative to the question whether the issuance of the Bonds
26 for the acquisition of Watershed Lands in the aggregate principal
27 amount of not exceeding Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000)
28 shall be approved to pay for financing all or a portion of the
29 costs of the acquisition thereof, and to pay the costs of
30 issuance of the Bonds.

31 Section 7. The returns of the referendum shall be can-
32 vassed in the manner provided by law, and said returns shall be
33 certified to the Board, which shall declare the results thereof.

1 Section 8. The ballot for the acquisition of these lands
2 to be used in said bond referendum shall be substantially in the
3 following form:

4 BOND REFERENDUM BALLOT # _____

5 MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

6 ACQUISITION OF

7 WATERSHED LANDS

8 "Shall Manatee County issue not exceeding \$25,000,000
9 General Obligation Bonds to acquire watershed lands in Manatee
10 County, including all or a portion of the Estech Duette Mine pro-
11 perty consisting of approximately 10,500 acres, to protect Lake
12 Manatee as a source of public drinking water, such bonds payable
13 from ad valorem taxes levied and collected in Manatee County, at
14 not exceeding the legal interest rate, maturing within 40 years,
15 as specified in Resolution 84-1357"

16 Instructions to Voters: Indicate by punching out space
17 by "FOR BONDS" if you favor the Bond Issue. Indicate by punching
18 out space by "AGAINST BONDS" if you do not favor the Bond Issue.

19 Section 9. The Supervisor of Elections for Manatee
20 County, Florida, is hereby authorized and requested to make up
21 and certify a list of the names of all qualified voters residing
22 in Manatee County, Florida. A certified copy of such list shall
23 be furnished to the Inspectors and Clerk of the election at the
24 polling places where the votes are to be cast in said election,
25 and a certified copy of such list shall be filed among the
26 records of this Board.

27 Section 10. Said election shall in all other respects
28 be held and conducted in the manner provided in and by the laws
29 of the State of Florida.

30 Section 11. This resolution shall take effect in the
31 manner provided by law.

32 ADOPTED THIS 11th day of September, 1984.

33 ATTEST: R. B. SHORE
Clerk of the Circuit Court

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Edward W. Chace
Chairman

Richard M. Ashley
RICHARD M. ASHLEY, CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK