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**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE
AND BOARD OF REGENTS TO SUSTAIN AND ENHANCE FUNDING FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA AT SARASOTA**

WHEREAS, The University of South Florida at Sarasota is a major contributor to the educational and cultural vitality of Manatee County; and

WHEREAS, New College, housed at the University of South Florida at Sarasota is nationally recognized for educational excellence, thus bringing recognition and prestige to Florida's West Coast; and

WHEREAS, as a regional campus, the University of South Florida at Sarasota serves the educational needs of nearly 1500 full and part-time students, many of whom are "placebound" and would not be able to commute to Tampa to continue their education; and

WHEREAS, the University of South Florida at Sarasota contributes to the economic well-being of Manatee County by providing jobs and consulting services to the community; and

WHEREAS, Florida ranks 49th among the states in the amount expended per capita in support of public higher education institutions and can ill-afford to sustain further budget cuts, if Florida wishes to continue to attract quality businesses and industry; and

WHEREAS, a motion was presented at the March 23, 1992 Board of regents meeting to analyze the closing of some or all of the 14 regional campuses in the State University System, including the University of South Florida at Sarasota; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that:

Sacrificing the State's already poorly funded university system is not a viable solution to the State's budgetary problems; continued funding must be provided by the Florida Legislature and the Board of Regents not only to sustain, but to enhance the position of the University of South Florida at Sarasota as the preeminent cultural and educational institution on Florida's South West Coast.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this the 5th day of
May, 1992.

ATTEST: R. B. Shore
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: *R. B. Shore*
Deputy Clerk

By: *Edward W. Chance*
First Vice Chairman