

R-94-136

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT. FOR EMPOWERMENT ZONE/ENTERPRISE COMMUNITIES DESIGNATIONS.**

**WHEREAS**, the President and Congress of the United States have, in an attempt to improve the conditions of American communities and neighborhoods, developed a new federal initiative known as Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the eligibility requirements for Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities Programs require that communities have census tracts with extreme poverty as demonstrated through the economic and social data compiled during the 1990 Census; and

**WHEREAS**, an assessment of the economic and social data of the census tracts of Manatee County communities has been performed with indications that four tracts, including Washington Park (A), Washington Park (B), Samoset and Oneco meet the eligibility criteria for submission of an application to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and


**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County Florida have found that submission of an application for Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Communities designation could greatly enhance the viability of the eligible census tracts; and

**WHEREAS**, The Board of County Commissioners desires to participate in opportunities to improve the economic and social conditions for citizens; and the Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Communities programs can provide fifteen year funding and special status for general funds and incentives for Manatee County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that the development and submission of an application for federal assistance through the Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Communities designation shall be performed by staff for submission to the U. S. Department of Housing Urban Development.

**PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED** with a quorum present and voting this 10th day of May, 1994.

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

By: 

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By:   
Stan Stephens, Chairman