

RESOLUTION R-97-75

A RESOLUTION OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL 913/SENATE BILL 806, AS PROPOSED IN THE 1997 REGULAR SESSION OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, Manatee County, as a political subdivision of the State of Florida, is statutorily authorized to and does routinely acquire private property by eminent domain, for public projects; and

WHEREAS, Manatee County has seen the costs and difficulties inherent in acquiring private property by eminent domain steadily increase over the course of the last ten (10) years; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of House Bill 913/Senate Bill 806, as currently being considered by the Florida Legislature, will place additional dramatic costs and burdens upon local governments when acquiring private property by eminent domain, and will accomplish little, if anything, in streamlining the eminent domain process for counties or in assuring the right of private property owners to full compensation.

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

1. Manatee County hereby formally expresses its strong opposition to House Bill 913/Senate Bill 806, as presently pending in the 1997 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature, and urges the Florida Senate and House to act to defeat the proposed legislation.

2. The County Attorney is hereby directed to promptly dispatch a fully executed copy of this Resolution, by First Class U.S. Mail, to:

Senator James T. Hargrett, Jr.
Senator John McKay
Representative Rudolph Bradley
Representative Mark R. Ogles
Representative Mark G. Flanagan
Senate President Toni Jennings
Speaker of the House Daniel A. Webster
Betty J. Steffens, Esquire

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this the 22nd day
of April, 1997.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Patricia M. Glass
Chairman

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

By: [Signature]

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