

R-97-80

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE AND THE VALUE OF THEIR SERVICE TO MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, weather ranges in the Tampa Bay region from warm sunny days to tropical hurricanes; and

WHEREAS, Manatee County is particularly vulnerable to extreme storm events due to the large concentration of residents in the low lying coastal areas and dependency on limited evacuation corridors; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida and residents of Manatee County will suffer divesting impacts from the recent budget cuts in the National Weather Service, and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service has had budget cuts in the amount of \$27.5 million which will impact the provision of accurate and timely forecasts; and

WHEREAS, temporary funding has been diverted from equipment maintenance projects to maintain forecasting positions for this funding to become permanent is essential to maintain the health and safety of our citizens.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, supports the restoration of the National Weather Service budget as a public safety issue that will have serious implications if left unresolved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the U.S. Congressional Delegation, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - National Weather Service.

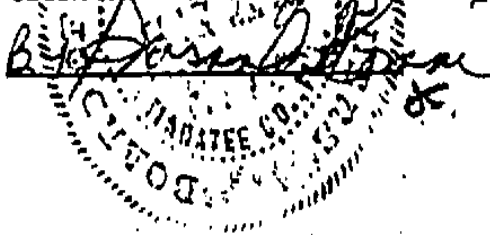
ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this the 22nd day of April 1997.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Patricia M. Blue
Chairman

ATTEST:

R. B. SHORE
Clerk of the Circuit Court





MANATEE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

April 23, 1997

The Honorable Bob Graham
United States Senator
524 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Graham:

The enclosed Manatee County, Florida Board of County Commissioners' Resolution R-97-80 was unanimously approved on April 22, 1997 in open session. The Resolution forwarded to you reflects full support of the National Weather Service and outlines the necessity for the continued level of service they provide to Manatee County's residents.

Thank you for your consideration of this Resolution.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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PATRICIA M. GLASS
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The Honorable Dan Miller
United States Representative
102 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressmen Miller:

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United States Senator
517 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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Mr. Elbert W. Friday, Jr., Administrator
United States Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration, National Weather Service
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Dear Mr. Friday:

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