

RESOLUTION R-04-090

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA
LEGISLATURE TO REAUTHORIZE AND FULLY FUND THE STATE
AND LOCAL HOUSING TRUST FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004-
2005.**

WHEREAS, Manatee County has an obligation to provide for the housing needs of its current and anticipated populations, and assisting lower income families is dependent upon sufficient housing assistance from state programs; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proposed Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Budget reduces the State Housing Trust Funds, which funds such programs as SAIL, by approximately \$52 million and reduces the Local Government Housing Trust Fund, which funds such programs as SHIP by approximately \$115 million; and

WHEREAS, the State and Local Housing Trust Funds must be reauthorized in 2004, and to that end the Senate has filed SB 1000 and SB 1002 to reauthorize the State And Local Housing Trust Funds; and

WHEREAS, the William E. Sadowski Affordable Housing Act of 1992 deliberately used the documentary stamp tax as its revenue source because of its nexus with the development of affordable housing and because it is a growth vehicle, necessary to keep pace with escalating land and housing costs; and

WHEREAS, without a trust fund that can rely on full funding of a dedicated revenue source, housing funding will be uncertain and will likely remain stagnant or decrease; and

WHEREAS, the trust funds should not be reduced, because they are the single greatest highly leveraged economic engine for our economy, and serve first time home buyers, working families, the elderly, persons with disabilities, and the homeless; and

WHEREAS, because over 700,000 of Florida's low income families are in immediate need of affordable housing (paying over 50% of their total household income for shelter), Florida needs more affordable housing funding, not less funds; and

WHEREAS, the estimated impact loss to Manatee County for FY 2004/05 as a result of this would be \$12,921,156.

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

1. The foregoing clauses are ratified and conformed as being true and correct and are made part of this Resolution.
2. The Manatee County Board of County Commissioners urges the Legislature to act quickly to reauthorize the State and local housing trust funds, and pass SB 1000 and SB 1002.
3. The Manatee County Board of County Commissioners urges the Legislature to fully fund the state and local housing trust funds without any reduction in funding.

4. The appropriate Manatee County officials are authorized to do all things necessary and expedient to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption hereof.

ADOPTED, with a quorum present and voting this 16th day of March 2004.

BY AND THROUGH ITS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: 

JANE VON HAHMANN
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: R. B. SHORE
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

BY: 

