

**Resolution R-14-127**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENCOURAGING THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DIVISION OF PARKS, TO PRESERVE AND MAINTAIN THE PATTEN HOUSE ON THE GROUNDS OF THE GAMBLE PLANTATION HISTORIC SITE.

*WHEREAS*, the Patten House on the grounds of Gamble Plantation Historic Site was built in the 1890s; and

*WHEREAS*, through the efforts of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the house was restored, furnished, and open to the public during special events; and

*WHEREAS*, United States museums contribute \$21 billion to the American economy each year (2008 estimate), encouraging economic growth in their communities; and

*WHEREAS*, museums rank among the top three family vacation destinations; and

*WHEREAS*, trips including cultural and heritage activities comprise one of the most popular and significant segments of the travel industry, accounting for over 23 percent of all domestic trips; and

*WHEREAS*, visitors to historic sites and cultural attractions, including museums, stay 53 percent longer and spend 36 percent more money than other kinds of tourists; and

*WHEREAS*, the original agreement between the State and the United Daughters of the Confederacy was that the nonprofit group would maintain the interior while the State Park Service would be responsible for the exterior; and

*WHEREAS*, the Patten House has been neglected, termites have decimated support structures, and the house is sorely in need of painting and, at this time, there are concerns about the stability of the house and fears that the building will be torn down.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that the State of Florida, Division of Parks, be encouraged not only to preserve the Patten House, but also to maintain it for future generations.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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ATTEST: R.B. "Chips" Shore  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: *Robin Liberty DC*  
Deputy Clerk