

RESOLUTION NO. 07-05-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS NECESSARY TO BRING THE HERBERT HOOVER DIKE INTO COMPLIANCE WITH CURRENT LEVEE PROTECTION SAFETY STANDARDS AND TO EXPEDITE FUNDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH PROMPT ENACTMENT OF THE ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS BILL OR SOME OTHER MECHANISM; REQUESTING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ENACT RESOLUTIONS SUPPORTING THESE REQUESTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Lake Okeechobee was impacted by four hurricanes during the 2004 and 2005 hurricane seasons; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, at the request of local community leaders, the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management district commissioned an independent, expert review panel to evaluate all U.S. Army Corps of Engineers documents concerning the structural integrity of the 140 mile-long Herbert Hoover Dike surrounding Lake Okeechobee; and

WHEREAS, the report found that the dike does not meet current levee protection safety standards; and

WHEREAS, the failure of the dike poses a clear and imminent threat of catastrophic proportion to the communities surrounding Lake Okeechobee; and

WHEREAS, the dike was not built to current levee engineering standards and therefore needs expedited Congressional appropriations to be brought into compliance with such standards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE KEY LARGO WASTEWATER TREATMENT DISTRICT;

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners of the Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District hereby request the Congress of the United States to appropriate funds necessary to bring the Herbert Hoover Dike into compliance with current levee protections safety standards and to expedite funding for the improvements through prompt enactment of the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill or some other mechanism.

Section 2. Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the House of Representative, and to each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

Section 3. APPLICABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

This resolution shall take effect upon adoption by the Board of Commissioners.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF May 2007

The foregoing RESOLUTION was offered by Commissioner Tobin, who moved its approval. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Higgins, and being put to a vote the result was as follows:

	AYE	NAY
Chairman Claude Bullock	<u>X</u>	_____
Commissioner Gary Bauman	_____	<u>X</u>
Commissioner Susan Hammaker	<u>X</u>	_____
Commissioner Andrew Tobin	<u>X</u>	_____
Commissioner Norman Higgins	<u>X</u>	_____

The Chairman thereupon declared Resolution No. 07-05-07 duly passed and adopted the 1st day of May, 2007.

KEY LARGO WASTEWATER TREATMENT DISTRICT

BY: Claude M. Bullock
Chairman Claude Bullock

ATTEST:

Carol Walker
Carol Walker, Clerk

Approved to as to form and legal sufficiency

Thomas M. Dillon
District Counsel, Thomas M. Dillon

