

## RESOLUTION NO. 2013-01

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF POLK CITY, FLORIDA; SUPPORTING INCREASED FUNDING FOR WATER PROJECTS, ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLY, AND WATER INFRASTRUCTURE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the state's water infrastructure systems are significant assets that protect public health and the state's water resources and are integral to the economic vitality and growth of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2005, as a result of the Florida Legislature and concerted efforts of allied groups, the Legislature passed, and the Governor signed, SB 444, which provided a dedicated revenue source for water protection and sustainability. That bill provided \$100 million dollars a year on a recurring basis for:

- the State's Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) pollution elimination program;
- the development of new water supply projects;
- the restoration of our wetlands and other water dependent natural areas; and
- the treatment and disposal of wastewater in poor communities.

**WHEREAS**, despite the significant funding called for in SB 444, the total represented less than 1% of the State's total budget - a small price to pay for the State's water security; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of unprecedented revenue shortfalls the funding for this program has been eliminated, and

**WHEREAS**, municipal and county utilities face anticipated expenditures to repair and replace aging infrastructure, comply with new Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water Act mandates, as well as new responsibilities and costs relating to water security, source water protection or additional needs for reuse of treated effluent; and,

**WHEREAS**, municipal and county resources dedicated to water infrastructure are being increasingly directed to compliance with new and ever more complex mandates such as numeric nutrient criteria and additional testing requirements, and therefore are unavailable for critical maintenance, repair, and rehabilitation needs without substantial increases in local water, wastewater, and sewer fees; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of a new state water infrastructure funding program would not only provide much-needed assistance to local governments, but also would significantly stimulate a sector of the state economy which supports and provides jobs and services associated with the financing, design and construction of water infrastructure

projects;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POLK CITY, FLORIDA:**

**SECTION 1. RECITALS AND FINDINGS INCORPORATED.** The City Council hereby finds that the above recitals and the findings therein are found to be true and correct, and are incorporated herein.

**SECTION 2. ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL.** The City Council of the City of Polk City urges the Florida Legislature to enhance Florida's water resources and their development by creating a new statewide program providing substantial and long-term funding to enhance regional and local financial capacity to address water resource and water supply development, provide adequate and reliable long-term funding for county and municipal water infrastructure needs, and funding alternative water supply development, water quality protection and development, treatment of impaired waters, and comprehensive water supply infrastructure needs.

**SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.** If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, that holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**RESOLVED, PASSED, AND CERTIFIED AS TO PASSAGE THIS \_\_\_\_\_  
DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.**

City Council of the City of Polk City

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Joe LaCascia, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Patricia Jackson, City

APPROVED AS TO FORM & LEGALITY

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Thomas A. Cloud, City Attorney