

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF
THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION NO. 97-15

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PURCHASE OF THE VIRGINIA BEACH PROPERTY AND THE BUNCHE PROPERTY BY THE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS PART OF A LONG-TERM ECONOMIC/TOURIST NECESSARY ADDITION TO THE INVENTORY OF PUBLIC LANDS FOR LEE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Estero Island is a barrier island located off the coast of Southwest Florida; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Fort Myers Beach was incorporated in 1995 and encompasses the whole of Estero Island; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Fort Myers Beach is entrusted with conserving, protecting and preserving the natural ecosystems of the island while dealing with the impacts of seasonal and episodic tourism such as traffic and parking; and

WHEREAS, the continued future economic/tourism success of Fort Myers Beach, the remainder of the Lee Island Coast and Lee County is predicated on sufficient beach product necessary to sustain our economy; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of beach lands that are in imminent danger of development is necessary for the economic future of Lee County; and

WHEREAS, it is important for Lee County to purchase these lands because the creation of an adequate public inventory of beach lands that are available to residents, seasonal residents and tourists is a county-wide function due to the economic ties between public beach availability and the health of the Lee County economy; and

WHEREAS, it is important for Lee County to purchase these lands because; [1] the purchase of Bunche Beach not only enlarges the public beach inventory but also provides a reliever beach to the Lee Island Coast, which in turns helps to manage both traffic congestion and parking inadequacies; and [2] the purchase of Virginia Avenue Beach while adding to the public beach inventory also provides a reduction in traffic congestion and parking inadequacies; and

WHEREAS, tourism impacts, such as traffic and parking, facing the Lee Island Coast must be viewed as a county-wide problem requiring a county-wide solution due to the intricate connections between a healthy Lee Island Coast economy and a healthy Lee County economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Fort Myers Beach, Lee County, Florida:

The Town Council of the Town of Fort Myers Beach hereby offers its support and encouragement for the purchase of Virginia Beach and Bunche Beach by the Lee County Board of County Commissioners for the reasons afore mentioned.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

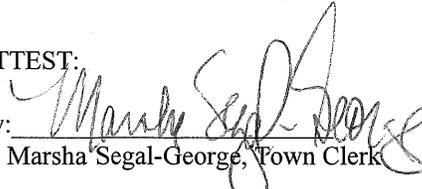
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Fort Myers Beach Town Council upon being put to a vote, the result was as follows:

Anita T. Cereceda	<u>aye</u>
Ted FitzSimons	<u>aye</u>
William (Rusty) Isler	<u>aye</u>
Garr Reynolds	<u>absent</u>
Ray Murphy	<u>aye</u>

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of April, 1997.

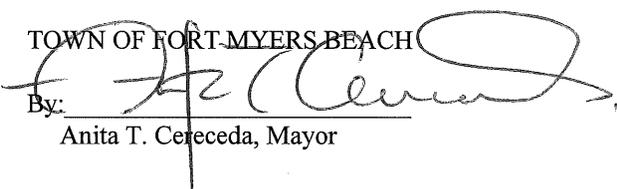
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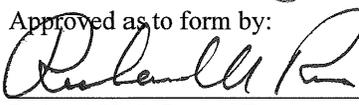

Marsha Segal-George, Town Clerk

TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH

By:


Anita T. Cereceda, Mayor

Approved as to form by:


Richard V. S. Roosa, Town Attorney