

**CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION 2004-019**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON,
FLORIDA URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO REAUTHORIZE AND
FULLY FUND THE STATE AND LOCAL HOUSING TRUST FUNDS FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2004-2005**

WHEREAS, the City of Marathon 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 Fund, 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 one of the highest leveraged economic engines for our economy, and serve first time homebuyers, 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 loss in SHIP funding for FY 2004-2005 to Monroe County would be in excess of \$605,000, of which the City of Marathon receives its funding.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MARATHON,
FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The foregoing clauses are ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are made part of this Resolution.

Section 2. The City Council of Marathon urges the Legislature to act quickly to reauthorize the state and local housing trust funds, and pass SB 1000, and SB 1002.

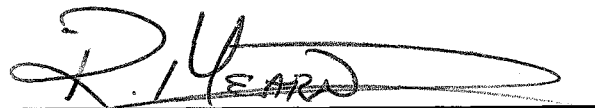
Section 3. The City Council of Marathon urges the Legislature to fully fund the state and local housing trust funds without any reduction in funding.

Section 4. The appropriate City Officials are authorized to do all things necessary and expedient to carry out the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption hereof.


PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the city of Marathon, Florida, this 15th day of March, 2004.

THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA


Randy Mearns, Mayor

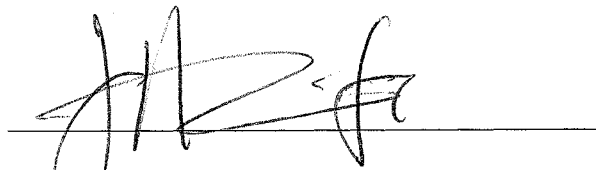
AYES: Bartus, Bull, Pinkus, Mearns
NOES: None
ABSENT: Worthington
ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:


Cindy L. Ecklund
City Clerk

(City Seal)

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CITY ATTORNEY