

RESOLUTION NO. 163

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PARKER, FLORIDA URGING THE CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE PRESERVATION 2000 PROGRAM FROM THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE, THE FLORIDA SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE, THE FLORIDA SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, THE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATES FROM THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT (6), AND THE FLORIDA SENATE DISTRICT (7).

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Parker have an interest and concern for the protection of natural lands; and

WHEREAS, Preservation 2000 is a ten-year program designed to acquire and therefore save Florida's best remaining natural land, and is the state's most comprehensive land protection program; and

WHEREAS, scientific calculations predict that all remaining natural areas in Florida by the turn of the century will either be protected or developed; and

WHEREAS, the ratio of developed land to open space depends heavily on the continued funding of Preservation 2000; and

WHEREAS, Preservation 2000 is now in the eighth year and has already saved environmentally sensitive land in 58 counties throughout Florida; and

WHEREAS, Preservation 2000 is a wise investment for our children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Preservation 2000 funds purchase greenways, recreational trails, state forests, urban parks, wildlife conservation areas, and coastal lands. These natural areas provide multiple recreational benefits to Florida growing population; and

WHEREAS, local governments across the state depend upon matching funds from Preservation 2000 to fund their own acquisition and growth management programs; and

WHEREAS, Florida voters support an increase in spending for the environment; and

WHEREAS, twenty one local governments have land acquisition programs to purchase environmentally sensitive lands; and

WHEREAS, Preservation 2000 offers an opportunity for a partnership between the City of Parker and the state to protect environmentally sensitive lands and support carrying out of our City's comprehensive plan.

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

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Parker, Florida hereby urges the Legislature of the State of Florida to:

- A. Appropriate \$5 million for an eighth series of Preservation 2000 bonds.
- B. Ensure that lands conserved with Preservation 2000 funds are protected in perpetuity.

Section 2. That the City Clerk be hereby directed to furnish copies of this resolution to the members of the City's State Legislative Delegation.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF JANUARY, 1997.


BRENDA G. HENDRICKS
MAYOR