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**RESOLUTION OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE PALM BEACHES  
LIMESTONE AGGREGATE SHORTAGE**

**WHEREAS**, the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches ("Chamber") recognizes the importance of taking a comprehensive and balanced approach to protecting the environment and allowing for the utilization of important natural resources;

**WHEREAS**, the Chamber recognizes the importance of limestone aggregate to the business community and economy of Palm Beach County;

**WHEREAS**, the Chamber understands that a significant portion of the limestone aggregate for Palm Beach County and the surrounding region comes from the Lake Belt mining region in Miami-Dade County;

**WHEREAS**, the United States District Court ("the Court") has ordered the United States Army Corps of Engineers to perform further environmental analysis in accordance with federal law for permits issued for mining in the Lake Belt region of Miami-Dade County;

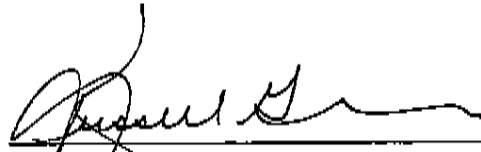
**WHEREAS**, the Court will be deciding whether to allow the mining to continue while further environmental analysis is undertaken;

**WHEREAS**, the inability to obtain limestone aggregate for completion of and continued road construction in Palm Beach County will have a devastating impact on the business community;

**WHEREAS**, one of the most pressing needs to the business community in South Florida is the availability of affordable housing for the workforce. Limits to availability of limestone aggregate will further increase construction costs, and in turn further exacerbate the availability of future affordable housing in the region.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chamber supports the continuation of mining in the Lake Belt area of Miami-Dade County while the further environmental analysis required by the Court is performed.

Having been unanimously adopted by the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches on ~~June~~ <sup>May</sup> 30, 2006, it is respectfully submitted,



J. Russell Greene, Chairman  
Board of Directors

Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches