

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF  
THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA  
RESOLUTION NUMBER 99- 10

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH,  
FLORIDA, URGING CONGRESS TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT  
FEDERAL JUDGESHIP FOR THE FORT MYERS DIVISION OF THE  
U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE, DISTRICT OF  
FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the U.S. District Court of the Middle District of Florida stretches  
from the Georgia border to the Everglades; and,

WHEREAS, the Fort Myers Division, consisting of Charlotte, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry  
and Lee Counties, does not currently have any full-time sitting U.S District Court  
Judges; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to rely on judges who sit in Fort Myers on assignment as  
visiting judges or on occasion as sitting judges assigned to the Tampa Division; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary for litigants, including governmental entities, to travel to  
Tampa for hearings and trials at a considerable amount of time and unnecessary expense,  
which in the case of the Town of Fort Myers Beach is a cost to taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the population explosion in the counties located in the Fort Myers Division  
clearly justifies the establishment in the Division in Fort Myers of at least one, and  
perhaps two, full-time federal judges with full docket control in Fort Myers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN  
OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA:

Section 1. This Council hereby urges the United States House of Representatives and the  
Senate to establish or allocate to the Fort Myers Division of the U.S. District Court for  
the Middle District of Florida a full-time U.S. District Court Judgeship complete with  
docket control and administration in Fort Myers.

Section 2. The Town Manager is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to Senators  
Robert Graham and Connie Mack and to Representative Porter Goss.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Fort Myers Beach Town Council

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> -
Daniel Hughes	<u>aye</u>
John Mulholland	<u>aye</u>
Garr Reynolds	<u>aye</u>
Ray Murphy	<u>aye</u>

DULY ADOPTED this 1st day of March, 1999.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH

By: Marsha Segal-George - By: Ray Murphy  
Marsha Segal-George, Town Clerk      Ray Murphy, Mayor

Approved as to form by

Richard V.S. Roosa  
Richard V.S. Roosa, Town Attorney