

RESOLUTION NO. R-2012-0206

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR CONTINUED LOCAL CONTROL OF REGIONAL WORKFORCE BOARDS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA; WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS THAT DIRECTLY CONTRADICT LOCAL AUTHORITY SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED FOR BY THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT AND REDUCE LOCAL CONTROL; SUPPORT OF ALTERNATIVE LEGISLATION FOR INCREASED REGIONAL WORKFORCE BOARD TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY, AND TRANSMITTAL OF THE DOCUMENT TO VARIOUS STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS, ADMINISTRATORS, ASSOCIATIONS AND REGIONAL WORKFORCE BOARDS.

WHEREAS, in 1998 Congress passed the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) to maximize federally funded job training programs and to create a comprehensive workforce investment system; and

WHEREAS, the workforce system is designed for the Federal, State and Local partners to work together. Local workforce investment boards, in partnership with local elected officials, plan and oversee the local system while the state level workforce investment board provides statewide policy, guidance and interpretations; and

WHEREAS, local governments through local Boards of County Commissioners provide local control for the workforce system so that talent supply, job creation and other services important to local citizens are determined by local decision making; and

WHEREAS, On July 10, 2007 the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners entered into an Interlocal Agreement creating the Palm Beach Workforce Development Consortium; and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement empowers the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners to appoint 85% of the private sector members to the Workforce Alliance, Inc (Alliance) Board of Directors, and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement designates Alliance as the fiscal agent, grant recipient and administrative entity to administer such funding sources as may be available to support workforce development activities in Region 21, Palm Beach County, Florida.

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County does not support any proposals that weaken local control of the Regional Workforce Boards, including the direct contradiction of the local authority specifically provided for by the Federal Workforce Investment Act, and believes that accountability and transparency are essential to good governance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA:

The Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County hereby requests that HB 7023 and SB 1398 be withdrawn, as they do not support local governance provisions of the Workforce Investment Act and requests that the Governor's Office work with the Florida Association of Counties, Florida Workforce Development Association and the Chairman and Executive Director of Workforce Florida, Inc. to draft new legislation that provides for additional oversight to local elected officials regarding the delegation of fiscal and grant recipient functions, administration, finance and program performance.

The County Administrator is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Honorable Governor Rick Scott; State Senate President Mike Haridopolos; Speaker of the House, Representative Dean Cannon; the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation, and the Regional Workforce Board Chair.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Marcus, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Aaronson and being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

SHELLEY VANA	- Aye
STEVEN L. ABRAMS	- Aye
BURT AARONSON	- Aye
KAREN T. MARCUS	- Aye
PAULETTE BURDICK	- Aye
JESS R. SANTAMARIA	- Aye
PRISCILLA A. TAYLOR	- Aye

The Chairman thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 24th day of January, 2012.

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY**

By: 

**ATTEST: SHARON R. BOCK,
Clerk and Comptroller**

By: 

Deputy Clerk

