

RESOLUTION 2010-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WALES SUPPORTING FULL FUNDING OF POLK STATE COLLEGE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC IN THE 2010-2011 FLORIDA STATE BUDGET.

Whereas, Polk County is proud to be the home of Polk State College and the University of South Florida Polytechnic; and

Whereas, the community leaders of Lake Wales recognize that a well educated workforce, high skill/high wage jobs, and a diversified economy are keys to the economic and physical well being of our citizens; and

Whereas, Lake Wales is home to a branch of Polk State College which has over 500 students enrolled and employs 21 educators and administrators and has an economic impact in our community of \$888,200 annually;

Whereas, the proposed 2010-2011 budget for the State of Florida includes \$13,405,899 for Polk State College and \$46 million for University of South Florida Polytechnic; and

Whereas, Polk County and the City of Lakeland have committed over \$28 million of local funds to leverage/match state funds to construct and renovate the Polk State College and the University of South Florida Polytechnic campuses; and

Whereas, Polk County, the City of Lakeland, and the Florida Department of Transportation working in partnership helped secure over \$37 million of federal stimulus funds to construct an east-west road to provide regional access to the University of South Florida Polytechnic campus; and

Whereas, Polk County has invested an additional \$90 million in the University of South Florida Polytechnic area county road network to accommodate, inter alia, the development of the University of South Florida Polytechnic campus; and

Whereas, University of South Florida Polytechnic has been selected by the Polk Transportation Planning Organization as the number one priority for the Polk County station for the Florida high speed rail initiative; and

Whereas, it is critical to our economy and our youth that our two public institutions of higher learning receive the full funding currently set forth in the State's 2010-2011 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of Lake Wales, Polk County, Florida:

Section 1. Recitals. The Recitals set forth above are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Polk State College Funding. The City Commissioners of the City of Lake Wales, Florida, respectfully requests that Governor Charlie Crist approve all funding for Polk State College's renovation and remodeling of its main campus in Winter Haven, Florida, in the amount of \$13,405,899, including \$1,194,528.00 for renovation of infrastructure and site improvements and \$10,211,371 for the Learning Resource Center, as well as, \$2 million for construction of Polk State College's Institute of Public Safety.

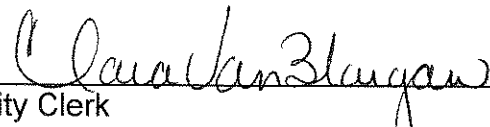
Section 3. University of South Florida Polytechnic Funding. The Board of County Commissioners of Polk County, Florida, requests further that Governor Crist approve all funding for University of South Florida Polytechnic in Lakeland, Florida, including appropriations for the new University of South Florida Polytechnic campus in the amount of \$35 million to complete the Science and Technology Building, \$10 million to build the School of Pharmacy, and \$1 million for planning for the Wellness Research Center.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Lake Wales City Commission, Lake Wales, Polk County, Florida, this 18th day of May 2010.



Mayor/Commissioner

ATTEST:



City Clerk