

RESOLUTION NO. 10-09

WHEREAS, On June 4, 2010, Florida Governor Charlie Crist approved SB 550 which directs the Department of Health to create and administer a statewide five (5) year cycle septic tank evaluation program; and

WHEREAS, As part of the septic tank evaluation program, citizens with on-site sewage treatment systems (or septic tanks), regardless of location, will be forced to have their septic tanks inspected and possibly pumped-out at a minimum of every five (5) years, with all costs of such inspections and pump-outs being solely the responsibility of the septic tank owner; and

WHEREAS, SB 550 also calls for the replacement of entire septic tank systems and/or drainfields which do not meet an established state-wide standard, regardless of whether the septic tanks in question function satisfactorily to the owners and pose no public health or safety risk; and

WHEREAS, Such inspections and pump-outs would cost citizens hundreds of dollars, and replacement of septic tank systems would cost citizens thousands of dollars; and

WHEREAS, A large majority of private residences within Holmes County, Florida, utilize septic tanks, and SB 550 would place unfair mandates upon such citizens of Holmes County, regardless of where their septic tanks are located; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature has the means to reconvene in Special Session prior to the implementation of SB 550; and

WHEREAS, a measure or bill repealing many of the harmful impacts and unfair mandates of SB 550 could be considered and voted upon during such a Special Session of the Florida Legislature prior to SB 550 taking effect; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Holmes County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, by and through a unanimous vote of its Board of County Commissioners, does hereby make the following urgent requests:

A. The Florida Legislature reconvene in Special Session prior to the implementation of any of the mandates contained in SB 550.

B. Governor Crist, Senator Atwater, and Representative Larry Cretul place SB 550 and/or any measure or bill repealing any of the provisions of SB 550 in the call for such Special Session.

C. SB 550 be repealed in whole or in part to the extent that it forces Florida citizens,

regardless of where they live, to have their septic tank systems inspected and pumped out.

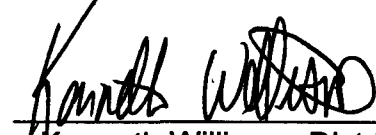
D. The State legislative delegation that represents Holmes County to continue with their efforts to protect the rights of Holmes County citizens against unfair mandates such as those contained in SB 550 that clearly were originated and apply mainly to areas separate and apart from Northwest Florida.

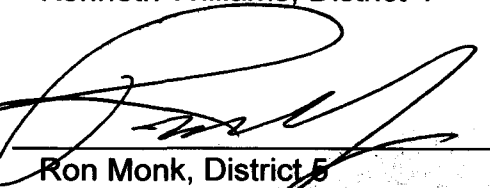
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