

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, REGARDING SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PURCHASE OF US SUGAR ASSETS.

WHEREAS, the South Florida Water Management District is in the process of purchasing the assets of US Sugar; and

WHEREAS, the City of LaBelle, Hendry County, and the City of Clewiston all located in Hendry County, Florida which is a rural, agriculture area, recognized as a Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern; and

WHEREAS, Hendry County stands to lose 1,700 directly related jobs and upwards of 2,000 service related jobs as well as the economic impact to property values and related revenue base will be greatly eroded because of this purchase; and

WHEREAS, the combined events of the above will have a devastating effect on the County's future economy and well-being; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA that:

As the South Florida Water Management District pursues the purchase of United States Sugar Corporations' assets that all of the affected parties and governments are part of the process and kept informed as to the issues surrounding this purchase. Regularly scheduled informational meetings shall be conducted.

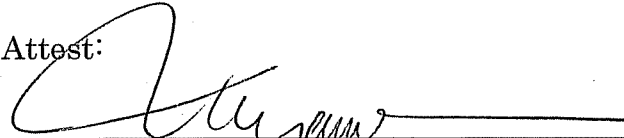
All levels of government, businesses and residents of the communities are made whole as it relates to lost revenues, jobs and taxes. The economic impact to the entire region shall be determined and this information shall be used as a basis for making the local governments whole due to this purchase.

Duly considered and adopted by the Board of City Commissioners of the City of LaBelle, Florida this 1st day of July, 2008.

THE CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA

By: 
Paul K. Puletti, Mayor

Attest:


David A. Lyons, Clerk Commissioner