

COUNTY OF HENDRY, STATE OF FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2008 - 63

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS 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.

WHEREAS, Hendry County, the Cities of Clewiston and LaBelle, located in Hendry County, Florida 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 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF 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.

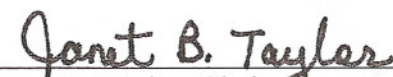
All levels of government, businesses and residents of the communities are made whole as it relates to lost revenues, jobs and taxes. The economic impact to the entire region shall be determined and this information shall be used as a basis for making the local governments whole due to this purchase.

Duly considered and adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2008.

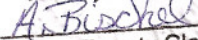
ATTEST:

  
Barbara Butler, Clerk of Court

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA

  
Janet B. Taylor, Chair

Certified to be a true and  
correct copy of the original.  
Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk Circuit Court  
Hendry County Florida

By:   
Deputy Clerk

Date: 8-13-08