



**SOUTHEAST FLORIDA MAYORS' TRI-COUNTY  
2014 STATE LEGISLATIVE COMPACT**

**WHEREAS**, Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach Counties, three Home Rule Charter Counties (the "Compact Counties") which together constitute the Tri-County Area of Southeast Florida, share in common a strong quality of life deeply rooted in the area's vigorous economy, environmental resources of global significance, and rich cultural heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, the Compact Counties and their respective populations, totaling more than five and a half million residents, are similarly impacted by legislation enacted by the Florida Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, the Compact Counties desire to support state legislation which fosters efficient mobility, economic development, and environmental protection and restoration; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Legislature, the Governor and executive branch agencies may offer positive initiatives for the tri-county area, and the Compact Counties wish to partner with the state to realize the enactment and reasonable implementation of such initiatives in a manner that enhances economic opportunity and the quality of life for all the tri-county area's residents; and

**WHEREAS**, at times, the Florida Legislature, the Governor and executive branch agencies may undertake initiatives detrimental to the area's residents or the counties' exercise of power to protect the health, safety and welfare of the area's residents, and the Compact Counties desire to work with the state to shape those initiatives consistent with the vision contemplated through this compact; and

**WHEREAS**, on Friday, February 14, 2014, the Mayors of the Compact Counties met to discuss common legislative initiatives, interests and issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the Compact Counties agree that by working together they are able to leverage greater advocacy for legislation which supports the counties' goal to tirelessly serve their residents; and

**WHEREAS**, a united vision for the Tri-County Area coupled with coordinated and collective action, will best serve the citizens of the region; **NOW THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE THREE COUNTIES OF THE TRI-COUNTY AREA OF SOUTHEAST FLORIDA** (the "Compact Counties"), that each county shall work in close collaboration with the other counties who are parties to this Compact to:

**SECTION 1: Regional Transportation.** Support a regional vision for transportation, heighten traffic efficiency, improved public transit, smooth flow of traffic on roads and highways, that;

- 1) Supports revenue fair share through legislative and DOT action that keeps 100% of managed lane revenue collected in South Florida in the area for local transportation projects;
- 2) Supports passenger rail provided by All Aboard Florida along the Florida East Coast Railway corridor linking the Tri-County Area and Orlando; supports funding of quiet zones along the FEC corridor; and
- 3) Supports increased Funding for transit, including funding that would allow the development of a Beach Corridor Transit Connection in downtown Miami.



**SECTION 2: Economic Development.** Enhance the economic climate of South Florida through:

- 1) Film and Television Incentives- Support legislation and appropriations that provide for additional tax credits for film and television production and for the expansion of the Florida Film and Television Incentive Program over at least the next five years;
- 2) Reauthorization of Enterprise Zones – Support reauthorization of the Enterprise Zones Program in Florida to continue the incentive program that contributes to job creation in some of our most disadvantaged areas and that will currently sunset at the end of 2015; and
- 3) Homelessness Resources- Support the creation of enhanced funding sources to help provide services and rapid re-housing to the growing number of homeless children, families, and individuals.

**SECTION 3: Natural Resources.**

- 1) Coastal Flooding - Support initiatives that would prioritize funding for coastal flooding in South Florida, including initiatives by the Southeast Regional Climate Change Compact.
- 2) Beach Renourishment - Support appropriations for Beach Renourishment that are directed to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Beach Renourishment program;
- 3) Water Projects - Support legislation and appropriations that enhances the development of alternative water supply sources and directs financial resources to qualified local water projects.
- 4) Everglades Funding - Support continued funding for the complete implementation of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan as fundamental to Everglades Restoration.

**SECTION 4: Home Rule, Preemption, Unfunded Mandates and Cost Shifts.** Oppose any bills that would adversely affect or preempt local Home Rule; Oppose additional unfunded mandates and cost shifts.

Adopted by each Board of County Commissioners and signed by the Mayor thereof on each date reflected below:

**COUNTY**

**Date of Adoption**

**Mayor's Signature**

Broward County:

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Barbara Sharief, Mayor

Miami-Dade County:

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Carlos A. Gimenez, Mayor

Palm Beach County:

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Priscilla A. Taylor, Mayor