# CITY OF FORT MYERS
## Randall P. Henderson, Jr.
## Mayor


September 23, 2013

The Honorable Kevin Ruane
Mayor, City of Sanibel
800 Dunlop Road
Sanibel, Florida 33957-4096

Dear Mayor Ruane,

At last Monday's regular City Council Meeting our Council formally adopted a resolution regarding the Biggest Waters National Flood Insurance Act of 2012 (BW12). Please find enclosed a copy of the resolution for your file.

Our Council is steadfast in support of addressing the negative impact of skyrocketing flood insurance premiums. I want to personally thank you for playing a major role in pursuing this.

Please do not hesitate to call on me if I can be of personal assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,

Randall P. Henderson, Jr.

Cc: Mayor and Council
City Manager, William P. Mitchell
City Attorney, Grant Alley
City Clerk, Marie Adams


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**RESOLUTION NO.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT MYERS, FLORIDA, URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO DELAY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTIONS 100205 AND 100207 OF THE BIGGERT-WATERS NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE ACT OF 2012; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS:** The Biggert-Waters National Flood Insurance Act (BW-12) of 2012 was signed into law on July 6, 2012; and

**WHEREAS:** The goal of the BW-12 was to remove subsidies and establish the National Flood Insurance Program as self-sustaining; and

**WHEREAS:** BW-12 will have the devastating unintended consequence of increasing flood insurance premiums for some Florida homeowners more than tenfold from approximately $2,500.00 to as high as $30,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**: Without modification BW-12 will result in widespread economic hardship for more than 268,000 Florida property owners as well as the cities and counties that rely property taxes as their major revenue stream; and

**WHEREAS:** The impending hardships include significant loss of home equity, damage to the fragile real estate market at the very time the area is on the verge of recovery, stifle economic development and result in a reduction to the tax base; and

**WHEREAS:** Over forty (40) percent of all National Flood Insurance Program policies currently in force cover property in Florida; and

**WHEREAS:** Since the inception of the National Flood Insurance Program, Floridians have paid over $16 billion into the program and have collected just $4.5 billion in claims.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT MYERS, FLORIDA,** that:

**RESOLUTION NO.**

1. The City Council of the City of Fort Myers hereby urges the United States Congress to delay the implementation of Sections 100205 and 100207 of BW-12 until leadership can address the unintended economic damage that will result if implementation proceeds without modification.

2. The City Clerk is hereby directed to send certified copies of this resolution to the United States Senators Marco Rubio and Bill Nelson and United States Representative Trey Radel.

3. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.