CITY OF SANIBEL

RESOLUTION 12-001

A RESOLUTION OF THE SANIBEL CITY COUNCIL STRONGLY OPPOSING THE RELOCATION OF THE FORT MYERS POSTAL SERVICE PROCESSING AND DISTRIBUTION CENTER TO SARASOTA AND TAMPA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the five county area of Charlotte, Collier, Hendry, Glades and Lee Counties provides a service population of over 1.1 million persons and more than 30,000 businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Myers Postal Service Processing and Distribution Center is critical to our area and a relocation of the Postal Service Center will adversely impact our local economy and tax base; and

WHEREAS, Florida Gulf Coast University has estimated that the closing of the Postal Service Center will result in a minimum total wage loss (direct and indirect wages) of $40 million to Lee County and the surrounding counties; and

WHEREAS, the closing of the Postal Service Center is estimated to result in a minimum job loss of 550 in Lee County and the surrounding counties; and

WHEREAS, additional reductions in area workforce and wage losses will certainly be realized due to the out migration of entire families as a result of layoffs and forced relocations;

WHEREAS, the postal processing and service times for City of Sanibel postal mailings will increase significantly;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sanibel that:

Section 1: Sanibel City Council, on behalf of the citizens of the City of Sanibel, strongly supports the efforts of the Horizon Council and Economic Development Council to retain the Fort Myers Postal Service Processing and Distribution Center in it's current location and opposes the relocation of the Fort Myers Postal Service Processing and Distribution Center to Sarasota and Tampa or any other area.

Section 2: Effective date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

DULY PASSED AND ENACTED by the Council of the City of Sanibel, Lee County, Florida, this 3rd day of January, 2012.

AUTHENTICATION:

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