

RESOLUTION NO. 060670

PASSED _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE ELIMINATION OF THE CAP OF THE HOUSING TRUST FUNDS BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR FY 2007-2008 AND SUPPORTING FULL FUNDING FROM THE HOUSING TRUST FUNDS OF \$939.5 MILLION FOR HOUSING IN THE STATE FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 BUDGET; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, availability of affordable housing to meet the needs of the City of Gainesville's current and anticipated populations of extremely-low income, very-low income, low-income, and moderate-income persons is dependent upon sufficient housing assistance from federal and state programs; and

WHEREAS, the William E. Sadowski Affordable Housing Act of 1992 deliberately used the documentary stamp tax as its revenue source because of its nexus with the development of affordable housing and because the source of funding was designed to keep pace with escalating land and housing costs; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and Legislature provided full funding from the Housing Trust Funds every year from Fiscal Year 1992-1993 through Fiscal Year 2002-2003; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is experiencing a housing crisis due to the large increases in the cost of land, construction, and the ultimate cost of housing to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the William E. Sadowski Affordable Housing Act has worked as planned, providing needed revenues into the State and Local Housing Trust Funds at this time of crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature enacted a cap on the Housing Trust Funds of \$243 million per year, beginning in Fiscal Year 2007-2008; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and Legislature, at this time of crisis, have not provided full funding from the Housing Trust Funds for the last three fiscal years, under funding housing appropriations by over \$600 million from Fiscal Year 2003-2004 through Fiscal Year 2005-2006; and

WHEREAS, it is projected that during Fiscal Year 2007-2008, the documentary stamp tax will generate over \$500 million for the State and Local Housing Trust Funds; and

WHEREAS, Florida's affordable housing needs are estimated at well beyond \$500 million during Fiscal Year 2007-2008; and

WHEREAS, absent repeal of the legislative cap placed on the State and Local Housing Trust Funds during the 2005 Legislative Session, new documentary stamp tax revenues for housing pursuant to The Sadowski Act of 1992 will be limited to \$243 million per year beginning Fiscal year 2007-2008; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville would receive \$3,400,000 million with full funding as compared to only \$1,108,235 million as proposed by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the City of Gainesville supports repeal of the cap on the Housing Trust Funds, and urges the Governor and Florida Legislature to adopt statutory changes during the 2007 Legislative Session to repeal the cap.

Section 2. That the City of Gainesville supports full funding for housing in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Budget, and urges the Governor and Legislature to adopt a budget with that level of funding.

Section 3. That the Clerk of Commission is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Alachua County legislative delegation, the Florida League of Cities, urging each of them to support the statutory changes identified above.

Section 4. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 5. That this Resolution shall be in force and take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Gainesville,
Florida this _____ day of _____, 2006.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Commission

Approved as to Form and Legality

Marion J. Radson, City Attorney

**Pegeen Hanrahan, Mayor, City of
Gainesville**