

RESOLUTION NO. 12-145

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO NAOMI MAKI WITH THE JAPAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT CENTER FOR CHOOSING TO VISIT AND STUDY ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ITS SUCCESS STORY RELATING TO ITS FINANCIAL AND BUDGET CHALLENGES, ORGANIZATION RESTRUCTURING AND PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County, Florida, has made the following determinations:

1. In 1988, funded by and representing the interests of the prefecture and local governments of Japan, the Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR) was established in Tokyo in order to promote and support the principle of internationalization.
2. The primary goals of CLAIR are to foster, develop and nurture, at the sub-national level, an international mutual understanding between Japan and other nations and the exchange of ideas that relate to government administration and management. To that end, CLAIR created seven branch offices around the world: First, New York (1988) and then London (1989), Paris (1990), Singapore (1990), Seoul (1993), Sydney (1994) and Beijing (1997).
3. Each of these offices is staffed by Japanese government officials, together with a small local staff who act both to assist in their work and to act as liaison with the host country's governments. The New York branch is known as the Japan Local Government Center (CLAIR, New York).
4. The Japan Local Government Center conducts research, much of which is formulated as CLAIR reports on various topics related to local government issues and practices.
5. In 2011, St. Lucie County received positive national media coverage relating to the award-winning programs that have been developed by the Board of County Commissioners.
6. Naomi Maki is the Assistant Director of the Japan Local Government Center representing Hiroshima City and chose to visit and study St. Lucie County to learn more about its success story relating to its financial and budget challenges, organization restructuring as well as public/private partnerships.
7. St. Lucie County and the Board of County Commissioners are honored that the Japan Local Government Center chose St. Lucie County as an example of success.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County, Florida:

1. This Board does hereby take this opportunity to express its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Naomi Maki with Japan Local Government Center for choosing to visit and study St. Lucie County.
2. Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution shall be presented to Ms. Naomi Maki as a token of this Board's appreciation.

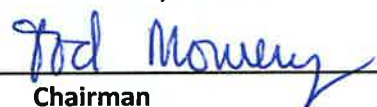
PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 19th day of July 2012.

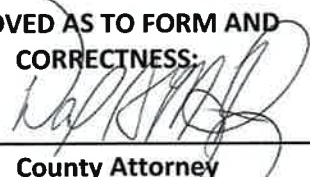
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Deputy Clerk



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: 
Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
CORRECTNESS:
BY: 
County Attorney