

# Tavernier Community Association

## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, THE Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District (KLWTD) is an independent Special District, located within unincorporated Monroe County, Florida that was created to develop, operate and maintain a state-mandated wastewater management system to serve the more than 14,400 residents of the unincorporated area; and

WHEREAS, KLWTD ratepayers are also Monroe County taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Tavernier Community Association (TCA) recognizes that the distribution of county taxpayer dollars for projects will often benefit some more than others, and that in the long run any imbalances will be minor; and

WHEREAS, in some cases the disparity is so great that it warrants correction. The TCA joins other taxpayers in the Key Largo Wastewater District in asking the BOCC to redress the wildly disproportionate distribution of tax dollars used to help fund the county's wastewater system; and

WHEREAS, the bottom line for Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District customers is that they have paid much more than their fellow unincorporated Monroe County taxpayers to connect to central sewers; and

WHEREAS, Monroe County has allocated approximately \$20 million to the Key Largo area and \$120 million—six times as much—for an equivalent number of constituents in the remainder of unincorporated Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, the assessed difference per household or EDU (equivalent dwelling unit) is at least, \$1,200 more for gravity systems, while those who were obligated to have grinder pumps, have paid \$4,500 more than their subsidized neighbors; and

WHEREAS, your Key Largo constituents bear a significantly greater debt burden, raising their monthly fees;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE TAVERNIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION that this grossly disproportionate distribution of tax dollars be resolved by the Board of County Commissioners. That the citizens of Key Largo should pay relatively the same amount for their wastewater system as the citizens in the unincorporated areas and that your constituents in the Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District should not have to bear the burden of their own wastewater system and subsidize the wastewater systems for other taxpayers.

Richard R. Barreto. President  
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