RESOLUTION 99-204

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PARKER SUPPORTING A LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO PROVIDE A DEDICATED REVENUE SOURCE FOR THE RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND.

WHEREAS, 7.8 million individuals live within one of Florida's 401 municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, providing appropriate infrastructure is a necessary element in protecting our natural resources and environmental quality of life; and

WHEREAS, providing appropriate infrastructure is a necessary element in encouraging sustainable community and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Growth Management Act requires capital improvements plans to be concurrent with future growth patterns; and

WHEREAS, many of Florida's small municipalities and counties do not have the fiscal capacity to finance a significant portion of their infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS, the state does not have a grant program funded adequately to support the existing needs; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has encouraged the Florida Legislature to adopt policies to identify and prioritize the budget needs of the state; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature created the Infrastructure Fund in 1999 for small communities in rural areas of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature was unable to identify a dedicated funding source for the Infrastructure Fund; and

WHEREAS, the need for water and wastewater infrastructure funding is one of the most critical issues facing rural Florida.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF PARKER, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That the City of Parker does hereby encourage the Florida Legislature to identify a dedicated revenue source for the Rural Infrastructure Fund and establish a process for rural communities to apply for grant dollars to assist them in their infrastructure needs including but not limited to water and wastewater projects.

PROPOSED, PRESENTED AND ADOPTED THIS STL DAY OF October, 1999.

CITY OF PARKER

BRENDA G. HENDRICKS

MAYOR

ATTEST:

DAVID LINGER, CITY CLERK