

**RESOLUTION # 2001-70**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING AND ADOPTING FOUR (4) ELECTION DISTRICTS WITHIN THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND THE TOWN ATTORNEY TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREFOR.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.04(b) of the Charter of the Town of Southwest Ranches states, "Subsequent to the decennial census of 2000, but at least 6 months before the qualifying period for the municipal election of 2002, the Council is required by it's Charter to divide the Town into four residential districts which shall be as equal in population as practicable.

Beginning with the municipal election of 2002, and for each election thereafter, the four members of the Council other than the Mayor must be electors of the Town and residents of the particular residential district on the date on which they qualify for election;" and

**WHEREAS**, on February 8, 2001, the Town Council considered Agenda Item 18 and approved Resolution 2001-33, creating a nine (9) person Districting Advisory Board; five (5) persons to be appointed and four (4) persons to be selected; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 8, 2001, the Town Council considered Agenda Item 10 and approved Resolution 2001-36, affirming the nine (9) person Districting Advisory Board; and

**WHEREAS**, also on March 8, 2001, the Town Council considered Agenda Item 12 and approved Resolution 2001-43, authorizing the Town Administrator to enter into an agreement with Florida Atlantic University (FAU) and the FAU/FIU Joint Center for the preparation of options for districting methodology, documentation and maps; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 7, 2001 the Districting Advisory Board had the first meeting to begin the development of the districting options to be considered by Town Council, and during the week of May 21, the Districting Advisory Board had a second meeting to review the initial options developed by the consultant; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 10, 2001, the Town Council considered Agenda Item 9 and approved Resolution 2001-56, authorizing the Town Administrator to acquire the necessary professional consulting services from Scott Burton, Director of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning Center at FAU, for the development of districting options for the Districting Advisory Board and the Town Council to consider; and

**WHEREAS**, On June 7, 2001, at a Town Council workshop the Town Council was presented with four (4) districting options representing the efforts of the Districting Advisory Board, and two (2) districting options representing the efforts of the Town Administrator, and all six (6) options were accepted and scheduled to be reviewed at a Special Town Council meeting on June 19, 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, the consultant will complete the districting project, which will include detailed maps and necessary activities regarding districting boundaries, by June 29, 2001.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida:

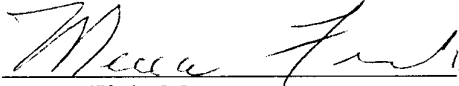
Section 1: The above referenced recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2: The Town Council, having fully reviewed and discussed the districting options, has hereby selected and adopted option 6, as evidenced by the attached Exhibit "A."

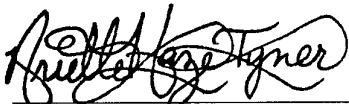
Section 3: The Town Council hereby authorizes the Mayor, Town Administrator and Town Attorney to provide appropriate information and documentation for the establishment of the election districts with the Supervisor of Elections and other appropriate County and State agencies.

Section 4: That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

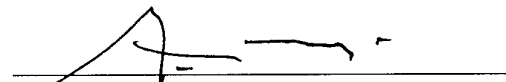
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida this 14th day of June 2001.

  
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Mecca Fink, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Arielle Haze Tyner, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:

  
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Gary A. Poliakoff, J.D., Town Attorney