

12. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. Water Quality Issues

- iv. Resolution from Lee County Tourist Development Council supporting Senate Bill 1634.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE LEE COUNTY TOURIST
DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF
IMPROVING FLORIDA'S WATER QUALITY –
SENATE BILL (1634); AND PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS: the mission of the Lee County Tourist Development Council and its operating division the Visitor & Convention Bureau is to promote tourism to the Lee County destination; and

WHEREAS: pristine beaches and natural wildlife are among the main assets of Lee County and critical in attracting visitors to its tourist destination; and

WHEREAS: contamination of said beaches by chemicals, waste or other agents impact water quality and wildlife and affect Lee County's number one economy; and

WHEREAS: notification of the existence of nearby wastewater facilities in violation of Part 1, Chapter 403, Florida Statutes, is a critical prerequisite to the protection of the health, safety and welfare of visitors and local residents; and


WHEREAS: Senate Bill 1634 will require the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to notify cities and counties of the source of sewage contaminants which results in health advisories that prohibit swimming in beach waters of the State of Florida assists in the protection of the health, safety and economic interests of visitors and of citizens of the State of Florida by providing cleaner beaches and waterways;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Tourist Development Council hereby supports the enactment of Senate Bill 1634, and encourages the Florida legislature to enact such Bill;
2. It is hereby directed that this Resolution of Support be forwarded to all members of the local delegation.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Signed, this 21st day of March, 2008

LEE COUNTY
*Tourist
Development
Council*


Commissioner Ray Judah, Chairman
Lee County Board of County Commissioners &
Lee County Tourist Development Council