

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: April 5, 2010

Date Submitted: March 19, 2010

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Commissioner Kessler

Subject: Request Board Approval to Adopt a Resolution Supporting the Florida Space Industry

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item requests the Board to adopt a Resolution supporting the Florida Space Industry and forward to our Florida Legislative Delegation.

Background:

Florida continues to be the last American soil that our astronauts touch before launching into space. Our State's space industry is being threatened.

Analysis:

There are 100,000 jobs statewide that are associated with the presence of the space program in Florida. We need to keep as many jobs in Florida as we can, especially during this worldwide recession. When Florida keeps jobs, it makes for a healthier economy. Space jobs touch all 67 counties and result in the space industry and its associated business being one of the larger employers in our state.

Options:

1. Vote to adopt the Resolution supporting the Florida Space Industry and forward the Resolution onto our State Legislative Delegation.
2. Do not vote to adopt the Resolution supporting the Florida Space Industry and do not send onto our State Legislative Delegation.
3. Board Direction.

Recommendation:

Option #1

Attachment:

1. Proposed Resolution