

# Board of County Commissioners

## Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: May 3, 2010

Date Submitted: April 27, 2010

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Benjamin H. Pingree, County Administrator  
Doug Jones, Public Services Director  
Scott Joyner, Library Services Coordinator

Subject: Request Board Approval of a Resolution Honoring Paul Clark for Efforts in Saving the State Aid to Libraries Program Funding

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### **Statement of Issue:**

This agenda item requests Board approval of a Resolution honoring Paul Clark for his efforts in saving the State Aid to Libraries Program funding.

### **Background:**

Wakulla County Public Library is a cornerstone of Wakulla County's educational system, providing programs for children, families, adults, and elders to enrich their understanding of the world.

Paul Clark has been a dedicated employee of Wilderness Coast Public Libraries and a valued resource of Wakulla County Public Library for the past 14 years.

### **Analysis:**

Paul Clark spent the better part of 6 weeks of his own time at the Capitol holding signs and sending the message to Legislators that cutting the State Aid to Libraries program would cripple rural county libraries like Wakulla County Public Library.

In the late hours of April 26, 2010 the Florida Legislature restored funding to the State Aid to Libraries program at the full amount to maintain Florida Library's eligibility for Federal grants. Staff is requesting Board approval of the attached Resolution to honor Mr. Clark for his undying service to Wakulla County Citizens through his efforts at the Legislature preserving library funding and his hard work with the Wakulla County Public Library.

### **Options:**

1. Approve the Resolution honoring Paul Clark.
2. Do not approve the Resolution honoring Paul Clark.
3. Board direction.

### **Recommendation:**

Option #1

### **Attachments:**

1. Resolution