

**Lee County Board Of County Commissioners  
Agenda Item Summary**

**Blue Sheet No. 20060541**

**1. ACTION REQUESTED/PURPOSE:**

Approve Resolution to initiate a Sister Region Partnership with the City of Yantai, Shandong Province, China.

**2. WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:**

Allows Lee County to join in a Sister Regional Partnership with the City of Yantai to build on the partnership with FGCU.

**3. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION:**      **Recommend Approval.**

**4. Departmental Category:**    01

**CIA**

**5. Meeting Date:**

**05-16-2006**

**6. Agenda:**

- Consent
- Administrative
- Appeals
- Public
- Walk-On

**7. Requirement/Purpose: (specify)**

- Statute
- Ordinance
- Admin. Code
- Other

**8. Request Initiated:**

**Commissioner**  
**Department**      Economic Development  
**Division**  
**By:** *Regina Smith*  
 Regina Smith, Director

**9. Background:**

Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) has developed a partnership with Yantai University, located in Shandong Province about 200 miles southeast of Beijing. FGCU has developed the Second Circle Program to provide linkages with the universities and economic development. Because of the population of Yantai (6.4 million), it has been requested to include Southwest Florida to establish the regional partnership.

The partnership between the City of Yantai, the Economic Development Offices of Charlotte, Collier, Hendry and Lee Counties and Florida Gulf Coast University is to:

- Develop increased understanding and contact between economic development organizations in both regions
- Encourage exchanges between the educational and professional organizations in Southwest Florida and the City of Yantai, Shandong Province, China
- Advance economic relationships and business opportunities between our two regions by sharing information
- Support and encourage visits and exchanges by the citizens of both regions.

**10. Review for Scheduling**

Department Director	Purchasing or Contracts	Human Resources	Other	County Attorney	Budget Services			County Manager/P.W. Director
					Analyst	Risk	Grants	
<i>Rup</i>				<i>J. Smith 5/1/06</i>	<i>5/2/06</i>	<i>5/2/06</i>	<i>5/2/06</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>

**11. Commission Action:**

- Approved
- Deferred
- Denied
- Other

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RESOLUTION  
NUMBER 06-

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLOTTE, COLLIER, HENDRY AND LEE COUNTIES, STATE OF FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF A SISTER REGION PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF YANTAI, SHANDONG PROVINCE, CHINA, TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the City of Yantai, Shandong Province, China has contacted local governments in Southwest Florida in an effort to promote a Sister Region partnership with said governments in order to build on the partnership of our regional universities as well as to promote further friendship and cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Sister Region partnership is to develop increased understanding and contact between organizations involved in economic development in both regions, to encourage exchanges between the educational and professional organizations in Southwest Florida and the City of Yantai, Shandong Province, China, to advance economic relationships and business opportunities between our two regions by sharing information, and to support and encourage visits and exchanges by the citizens of both regions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte, Collier, Hendry and Lee Counties find that it is in the public interest and welfare of its citizens to support the Sister Region partnership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte, Collier, Hendry and Lee Counties that the aforementioned counties of Southwest Florida support the Sister Region partnership with the City of Yantai, Shandong Province, China, in order to advance economic relationships and business opportunities between our two regions by sharing information, encouraging exchanges between the educational and

professional organizations of both regions and to support and encourage visits and exchanges by the citizens of both regions.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas G. Moore, Chair

ATTEST:  
Barbara T. Scott, Clerk of  
Circuit Court and Ex-officio  
Clerk to the Board of County  
Commissioners

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Janette S. Knowlton, County Attorney

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

ATTEST:  
Clerk of Circuit Court and Ex-officio  
Clerk to the Board of County  
Commissioners

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Attorney

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

ATTEST:  
Clerk of Circuit Court and Ex-officio  
Clerk to the Board of County  
Commissioners

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Attorney

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

ATTEST:  
Clerk of Circuit Court and Ex-officio  
Clerk to the Board of County  
Commissioners

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

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