

RESOLUTION NO. 04-76

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DIRECTING THE STAFF AT THE ST. PETERSBURG-CLEARWATER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO CONTINUE TO AGGRESSIVELY PURSUE ALL COURSES OF ACTION RESULTING IN THE REDUCTION OF NOISE IMPACTS FROM AIRPORT AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS ON PINELLAS COUNTY RESIDENTS**

WHEREAS, the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport serves Pinellas County as a federally designated Part 139 Commercial Service Airport and a Department of Homeland Security Port of Entry for international air service; and

WHEREAS, the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport receives federal and state grant funds generated from aviation user fees and is obligated to abide by Federal Aviation Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport has instituted programs and procedures to reduce noise impacts to those persons who live in close proximity to the Airport; and

WHEREAS, the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport has experienced a 60% growth in passenger traffic during the previous calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has historically endorsed the implementation of Airport noise abatement programs and measures; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners seeks to take all feasible steps to further reduce aircraft noise impacts on residential communities

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

SECTION 1: That the Board of County Commissioners directs the staff at the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport to aggressively pursue any and all noise abatement measures and strategies to lessen the impact of Airport operations on noise sensitive neighborhoods, particularly those outlined to Congressional representatives on January 7, 2004 in cooperation with the Airport's Aircraft Noise Abatement Task Force.

SECTION 2: That the Board of County Commissioners directs the staff at the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport to expeditiously proceed with necessary noise studies focusing on aviation airspace utilization and aircraft flight procedures for approval by the Federal Aviation Administration in order to achieve further residential community noise impact reductions.

SECTION 3: That the Board of County Commissioners directs the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport to seek the support and assistance from our federal legislative delegation to appeal to the Federal Aviation Administration to reconsider the Airport's request to re-evaluate existing air space issues.

SECTION 4: This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage.

Commissioner Todd offered the foregoing resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Morrone, and upon roll call the vote was:

Ayes Latvala, Morrone, Todd, Stewart, Seel, Harris and Welch.

Nays None.

Absent and not Voting None.