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GOVERNOR

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Dear Secretary Detzner:

Two years ago, I made the decision to run for Governor because I had a vision for Florida. After witnessing four straight years of job losses, increasing state debt, and leadership that emphasized growing government programs over creating an environment where businesses and families could thrive, I knew I had to take action. So I ran for Governor with my 7-7-7 plan to create jobs and get Floridians back to work.

Since taking office, three main goals have guided my actions as Governor: 1) make sure every Floridian who wants to work has the opportunity to get a job; 2) make sure every child can get a good education; 3) make sure state government does everything it can to keep the cost of living low for Florida families.

During my first year in office I signed a budget that was guided by these principles in order to reverse the path our state was heading down. I scaled back government spending, eliminated burdensome regulations, lowered taxes and created a streamlined agency to oversee economic development, all while balancing the budget in the face of a \$3.7 billion budget gap. It was no easy task, but the tough choices were necessary to get Florida heading in the right direction.

As a result of these actions, Florida's unemployment rate dropped 12 out of the last 14 months to a three-year-low. We paid down \$500 million in debt last year – the first time in 20 years that the state has paid down debt. As a matter of fact, state debt increased by an average of more than one billion dollars annually over the previous 20 years. We are giving Florida companies a competitive advantage so that they can have more money to hire people and boost the economy. And tourism, as well as people moving to Florida, is on the rise. The more we experience these benefits, the more resources the state will have for those government safety nets that are absolutely critical.

The budget for Fiscal Year 2012-13 builds on the progress made last year to achieve my goals of creating jobs, ensuring a good education system and lowering the cost of living. Under the leadership of Senate President Haridopolos and House Speaker Cannon, the Legislature sent me a responsible and thoughtful budget that is balanced without raising taxes or fees, despite a

\$1.2 billion budget gap. This budget contains the \$1.06 billion in new funding for K-12 education that was my top priority this legislative session.

Over the last year, I spent countless hours listening to parents, teachers and students to find out what they needed to improve education in our state. After going straight to the source and traveling to elementary, middle and high schools around the state, the answer was clear – despite limited state resources, we need to prioritize more funding for K-12 education. This budget accomplishes just that.

Paired with my 2012 Job Creation and Economic Development Package, which was designed to give businesses a competitive advantage by reducing regulations, cutting taxes and turning our state's unemployment system into a re-employment system, this budget puts Florida well on track for being the best state in the nation to live, work and play.

As Governor, I must make choices every day that impact the lives of each and every Floridian. When making these choices I always consider the family of four that makes \$40,000 a year and may be struggling to make ends meet. How does this impact their lives? These are their dollars we are spending, after all. When I went line by line through the budget, I asked myself, "Is this the proper role of state government? Should we spend taxpayers' dollars for that purpose? And if so, what is the return on investment?"

With these important questions and every Florida family in mind, I reviewed each project in the budget several times and gave each project equal and fair consideration.

By the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby withhold my approval of portions of House Bill 5001, enacted during the 114th Session of the Legislature of Florida, since statehood in 1845, convened under the Constitution of 1968, and entitled:

An act making appropriations; providing moneys for the annual period beginning July 1, 2012, and ending June 30, 2013, to pay salaries, and other expenses, capital outlay - buildings, and other improvements, and for other specified purposes of the various agencies of State government; providing an effective date.

SECTION 2 - EDUCATION (ALL OTHER FUNDS)

After spending months traveling the state and listening to parents, students, teachers, and business owners, it was clear that education, jobs and easing the regulatory burden of businesses, are the top priorities for Floridians. Thus, I recommended that the Florida Legislature provide an additional billion dollars for K-12 education, and I commend them for doing so. This budget focuses on students by providing an additional \$1.068 billion for K-12 education that will be used to enhance reading programs for struggling readers and provide funding to schools that are the building blocks of a strong economy.

Education is vital to developing the workforce that will fuel Florida's economic progress. With a high quality education system, we can and will create 700,000 new jobs. In reviewing the budget, I kept in mind programs that are student focused to create the best learning conditions possible for our students to succeed and contribute to our state's economy. Thus, I have approved projects that are student focused and have measurable results such as the *Big Brothers Big Sisters*, the *Florida Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs*, and the *College Reach Out Program* that provide additional support to at-risk students. I have approved an increase in funding for the *Florida Resident Access Grant* that provides Florida residents with the opportunity to attend private colleges and universities in the state.

And as we seek to build a strong economy in Florida, I have challenged our state universities to increase their production and quality programs in needed areas by approving performance based funding. I believe our universities and state colleges should do what most private businesses must do to stay competitive: 1) review their product offerings to ensure that customers are receiving a fair return; 2) evaluate efficiency to determine what costs should be trimmed and; 3) seek to reduce the essential cost of doing business 2 to 3 percent every year to stay competitive.

The Florida College System specifically is a nationally recognized leader and plays a critical role in our state's plan for economic diversity, development, and prosperity. Unfortunately, because of expanded needs, increased costs, growing enrollments and limited resources, the Legislature had to make many difficult decisions this session in order to improve the efficiency and cost effectiveness of our state's higher education system. With this budget I have had to make a choice between two important issues for students: keeping costs as low as possible and maintaining a strong and competitive instructional program. I continue to believe that the local boards of trustees at our colleges remain best positioned to weigh the needs of their institutions against the burden of increased student costs. Therefore I have not vetoed the tuition increase authorized by the Florida Legislature. However, I am very concerned about the proliferation of additional student fees and tuition increases. I believe that increases in tuition and fees, if any, should be specifically designed to improve learning gains, enhance or improve services that are targeted toward higher completion and placement rates, or to expand or improve programs that are tied directly to Florida's workforce needs. I strongly encourage the trustees of our institutions to ensure accountability in the budget process. I am confident that trustees will be deliberate and thoughtful in addressing this important subject and will also analyze other methods to achieve these goals, including a review of existing programs. In addition, selected institutions in

The Florida College System received special appropriations added into their base level of funding during this legislative session. As I develop my Fiscal Year 2013-14 budget recommendations, I will carefully examine learning gains, completion, placement and success rates and the impact of the institutions in The Florida College System in ensuring a strong economic environment for Florida.

I do hereby withhold my approval of the following items:

Specific Appropriation 24

Pages 10- A portion of proviso language

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 24, \$839,000 in nonrecurring General Revenue is provided for the Inclusive Transition and Employment Management Program (ITEM). The funds shall be used to provide young adults with disabilities who are between the ages of 18 and 25 with transitional skills, education, and on-the-job experience to allow them to acquire and retain permanent employment."

Specific Appropriation 54A

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"54A SPECIAL CATEGORIES
GRANTS AND AIDS - MEDICAL TRAINING AND
SIMULATION LABORATORY
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 3,077,493"

Specific Appropriation 55B

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"55B SPECIAL CATEGORIES
GRANTS AND AIDS - FIRST ACCREDITED MEDICAL
SCHOOL UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 3,697,315"

Funds in Specific Appropriation 55B shall be allocated as follows:

PhD Program in Biomedical Science.....	560,199
College of Medicine.....	3,137,116

Funds provided in Specific Appropriation 55B for the University of Miami College of Medicine are to support a minimum of 500 Florida residents enrolled in the College of Medicine. The university shall submit enrollment information to the Department of Education prior to January 1, 2013."

Specific Appropriation 55C

Page 14- A portion of proviso language

"University of Miami - Rosenstiel Marine Science.....	89,574
University of Miami - BS and MFA in Motion Pictures.....	159,245"

"Florida Institute of Technology - BS Engineering and
Science Education..... 128,759"

Specific Appropriation 55D

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"55D SPECIAL CATEGORIES
GRANTS AND AIDS - REGIONAL DIABETES CENTER
- UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 244,011"

Specific Appropriation 56A

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"56A SPECIAL CATEGORIES
GRANTS AND AIDS - NOVA SOUTHEASTERN
UNIVERSITY - HEALTH PROGRAMS
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 4,234,749

From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 56A, \$4,150,054 is provided to support Florida residents enrolled in the Osteopathic Medicine, Optometry, Pharmacy, or Nursing programs. The university shall submit student enrollment information, by program, to the Department of Education prior to January 1, 2013. The amount of \$84,695 is to support rural and unmet needs in these programs."

Specific Appropriation 87

Page 23- A portion of proviso language

"Panhandle Area Educational Consortium (PAEC)
Distance Learning Teacher Training..... 300,000"

Specific Appropriation 87A

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"87A SPECIAL CATEGORIES
GRANTS AND AIDS - GRANTS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FOR READING PROGRAMS
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1,000,000

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 87A, \$750,000 is provided to the Panhandle Area Educational Consortium (PAEC) for non-phonemic reading instruction for students scoring Level 1 or Level 2 in Reading on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) and \$250,000 is provided for Tune in to Reading."

Specific Appropriation 87C

Page 23- A portion of proviso language

"Southwest Florida Destination Graduation Program..... 3,250,000"

Specific Appropriation 91A
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"91A SPECIAL CATEGORIES
GRANTS AND AIDS - REGIONAL EDUCATION
CONSORTIUM SERVICES
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1,445,390"

Specific Appropriation 92
Page 25- A portion of proviso language

"National Center for Sports Safety..... 300,000"

Specific Appropriation 92A
Page 25- A portion of proviso language

"Girls Incorporated of Sarasota County..... 100,000"

"Learn to Earn..... 302,800
Center for Digital Learning and Education..... 2,000,000"

"Our Children's Academy..... 100,000
Workforce and Career Enhancement - Lake County..... 52,314
Workforce and Career Enhancement - St. Johns County..... 195,217"

Specific Appropriation 102
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"102 SPECIAL CATEGORIES
GRANTS AND AIDS - INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 386,477

From funds in Specific Appropriation 102, \$336,477 is provided to the Panhandle Area Educational Consortium (PAEC) for Response to Intervention (K-12) behavioral interventions, tracking, management and web-based counseling for students in Tier 1 and Tier 2 and students who have had five or more disciplinary/behavioral referrals (universal screening) and \$50,000 is provided to the Broward Education Communication Network for educational programming."

Specific Appropriation 139A
Pages 38 and 39- A portion of proviso language

"From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 139A, \$2,500,000 shall be provided to the University of West Florida for purposes of administering the Degree Completion Pilot Project with the University of South Florida, Florida State College at Jacksonville, and St. Petersburg College."

SECTION 3 - HUMAN SERVICES

Florida has seen significant growth in funding in the area of health and human services for the past 20 years, particularly in the area of Medicaid. The 2012-13 budget approved by the Legislature includes more than \$29.9 billion in funding for health and human services programs. That number includes full funding for the projected growth in the Medicaid program, which comprises more than \$21 billion – or 71 percent - of the Health and Human Services budget.

Cost containment in the Medicaid program and implementation of a fair and equitable system of hospital reimbursement was debated throughout the 2012 legislative session. As a result, funding is allocated for the development of a prospective payment system for hospitals known as Diagnosis Related Groups (DRGs). Such a system is already in use by hospitals for Medicare and in more than 30 states for Medicaid. It is one of several initiatives included in the Medicaid budget to control the growth of expenditures and provide more predictability.

Outside the Medicaid program, I have approved funding to pay for many projects that have statewide impact and do not duplicate programs already funded by the state. I am pleased that the Legislature restored funding for the state's existing mental health and substance abuse delivery systems and included funding for additional innovative programs with proven performance records. Funding is also provided for services to individuals facing homelessness.

I will also approve funding for children in need of eye exams or eyeglasses, funding for health screenings for individuals with developmental disabilities and equity funding for the community based care organizations that serve children in foster care. This budget also continues funding for biomedical research to improve the state's capacity to diagnose and treat cancer.

In addition, the Health and Human Services budget includes efficiencies that will enhance the productivity in state agencies, while at the same time eliminating wasteful spending. This includes a savings of nearly \$1.8 million and 260 positions within the Department of Children and Families to outsource housekeeping and environmental functions at both Florida State and Northeast Florida State Hospitals. The budget also reduces government by consolidating administrative functions within the Agency for Persons with Disabilities and the Department of Children and Families by cutting over 100 administrative positions and over \$17.8 million.

Finally, while I am not able to invalidate proviso language in line item 208 pertaining to Medicaid pre-paid dental plans, I remain fully committed to implementing Medicaid managed care statewide for dental and medical services

I do hereby withhold my approval of the following items:

Specific Appropriation 174A

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"174A SPECIAL CATEGORIES

GRANTS AND AIDS - CONTRACTED SERVICES

FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND	1,000,000
FROM MEDICAL CARE TRUST FUND	3,000,000

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 174A, \$3,000,000 from the Medical Care Trust Fund shall be used by the agency to contract with the Florida Medical Schools Quality Network created under section 409.975(2), Florida Statutes for services, which may include but not be limited to, identification and evaluation of quality indicators, clinical outcome measures and network adequacy.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 174A, \$1,000,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided for a pilot project that serves nursing home eligible Medicaid elders in a structured family caregiving model which will include full-time live-in credentialed caregivers. This may include family members, a professional support team, including registered nurses, a care manager, and a web-based care management system. The pilot shall enroll a minimum of sixty consumers. The agency shall report the quality outcomes and cost savings to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 1, 2013."

Specific Appropriation 193

Page 50- A portion of proviso language

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 193, \$847,936 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund and \$1,158,064 in nonrecurring from the Medical Care Trust Fund are provided to allow for exemptions from inpatient reimbursement ceilings for any hospital that is classified as a sole community hospital under 42 C.F.R. section 412.92 but is not classified as a rural hospital under section 395.602, Florida Statutes. The Medicaid Supplemental Hospital Funding Programs for Medicaid, Low Income Pool, Disproportionate Share Hospital, and Hospital Exemptions Programs for the 2012-2013 fiscal year shall not be affected by this proviso."

Specific Appropriation 198

Page 54- A portion of proviso language

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 198, \$589,244 in nonrecurring general revenue funds and \$804,756 in nonrecurring medical care trust funds are provided to allow for exemptions from outpatient reimbursement ceilings for any hospital that is classified as a sole community hospital under 42 C.F.R. section 412.92 but is not classified as a rural hospital under section 395.602, Florida Statutes. The Medicaid Supplemental Hospital Funding Programs for Medicaid, Low Income Pool, Disproportionate Share Hospital, and Hospital Exemptions Programs for the 2012-2013 fiscal year shall not be affected by this proviso."

Specific Appropriation 207

Page 55- A portion of proviso language

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 207, \$676,320 from the General Revenue Fund and \$923,680 from the Medical Care Trust Fund are provided to make Medicaid payments for vagus nerve stimulation devices, outside of the hospital inpatient per diem, for beneficiaries diagnosed

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with epilepsy, effective July 1, 2012. The cost of the device would thereafter be excluded from allowable costs in the hospital cost report."

Specific Appropriation 250

Page 62- A portion of proviso language

"Dan Marino Project..... 500,000"

Specific Appropriation 282

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"282 FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
 AGENCY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES FIXED
 CAPITAL OUTLAY NEEDS FOR CENTRALLY MANAGED
 FACILITIES
 FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 500,000

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 282, \$500,000 from nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided for William J. (Billy Joe) Rish Recreational Park."

Specific Appropriation 318

Page 70- A portion of proviso language

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 318, the nonrecurring sum of \$750,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided for the Child Welfare Case Management Staff Overtime Settlement."

Specific Appropriation 322

Page 70- A portion of proviso language

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 322, the recurring sum of \$600,000 from the General Revenue Fund and the nonrecurring sum of \$900,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the Florida Council Against Sexual Violence to fund certified rape crisis centers."

Specific Appropriation 336

Pages 72- A portion of proviso language

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 336, the sum of \$2,500,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the Community Based Care of Central Florida."

Specific Appropriation 345

Page 74- A portion of proviso language

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 345, the nonrecurring sum of \$250,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to Camillus House.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 345, the nonrecurring sum of \$455,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the Citrus Health Network.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 345, the nonrecurring sum of \$100,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to New Horizons

Community Mental Health Center.

From the Funds in Specific Appropriation 345, the sum of \$350,000 from the General Revenue Fund to Seminole Behavioral Health.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 345, \$250,000 is provided from the General Revenue Fund for the Pinellas Receiving Facility.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 345, the nonrecurring sum of \$1,500,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to Baptist Health Care Lakeview Center for graduate and undergraduate training in rural and underserved areas."

Specific Appropriation 346

Pages 74 and 75- A portion of proviso language

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 346, \$400,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided for the department to contract with a not-for-profit facility in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit (Central Region of the State) currently under contract with the department to fund four additional crisis stabilization unit beds to serve the mentally ill in Hillsborough County."

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 346, the nonrecurring sum of \$750,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided to Manatee Children's Crisis Stabilization Unit."

Specific Appropriation 352

Pages 75 and 76- A portion of proviso language

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 352, \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided for medication assisted treatment."

Specific Appropriation 366

Page 78- A portion of proviso language

"From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 366, \$1,560,000 from nonrecurring general revenue funds are provided for the Recovery House of Central Florida."

Specific Appropriation 379

Page 79- A portion of proviso language

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 379, \$100,000 is provided to Richmond Heights Resource Center.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 379, the nonrecurring sum of \$100,000 from the General Revenue Fund are provided for Goulds Coalition of Ministries and Lay People."

Specific Appropriation 404

Page 82- A portion of proviso language

"In addition to the existing projects, the following project in Specific Appropriation 404 is funded from recurring general revenue funds:

Alzheimer's Family Care Center of Broward County.....	250,000"
"Mt. Sinai - Brain Bank.....	100,000"

Specific Appropriation 405

Page 82- A portion of proviso language

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 405, \$1,000,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds and \$1,000,000 in nonrecurring operations and maintenance trust funds are provided to the Aging Resource Centers for additional staff and infrastructure to help persons age 60 find needed services and provides \$2,000,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds and \$2,000,000 in nonrecurring operations and maintenance trust funds is provided for choice counseling."

Specific Appropriation 469

Page 89- A portion of proviso language

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 469, \$200,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to establish a countywide mobile health unit to provide primary and acute care to the uninsured population of Gadsden County."

Specific Appropriation 477

Page 90- A portion of proviso language

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 477, \$500,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the University of Miami for the Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis Project.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 477, \$1,950,000 in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the Nova Southeastern University to support the assignment of students enrolled in Osteopathic Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry, and Nursing in medical/clinical rotations at health care clinics and hospitals, and Federally Qualified Health Centers located in rural and underserved areas of the state."

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 477, \$500,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for the Apopka Family Health Center.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 477, \$50,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to the Diabetes Advisory Council established pursuant to s. 385.203, Florida Statutes."

Specific Appropriation 541

Pages 97 and 98- A portion of proviso language

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 541, \$940,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to increase childhood immunizations. Effective for the start of the 2012-2013 school year and in addition to the current compulsory school immunization, the Department of Health shall write rules requiring children entering, attending, or transferring to the seventh grade in Florida public and non-public schools receive one dose of Meningococcal conjugate vaccine."

Specific Appropriation 543

Page 98- A portion of proviso language

"From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 543, \$500,000 from the General Revenue Fund, of which \$208,072 is nonrecurring, is provided to maintain the statewide Brain Tumor Registry Program at the McKnight Brain Institute."

Specific Appropriation 549B

Page 99- A portion of proviso language

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 549B, \$250,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for the construction of a pediatric cardiac hybrid catheterization lab/operating room at the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital."

Specific Appropriation 554

Page 100- A portion of proviso language

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 554, \$100,000 in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for the Fetal Alcohol Clinic in Sarasota."

Specific Appropriation 556

Pages 100 and 101- A portion of proviso language

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 556, \$1,500,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided to a public hospital created either by county ordinance or by special act of the Florida Legislature which has no taxing authority located in Lee County for the purpose of initial planning and design of a free standing children's hospital to serve Southwest Florida."

Specific Appropriation 556A

Page 101- A portion of proviso language

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 556A, \$100,000 in recurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for the Autism Center of Miami."

Specific Appropriation 579

Page 103- A portion of proviso language

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 579, \$1,600,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for the

FAMU/UF/FSU/FAU collaboration to provide: (1) training opportunities for students from diverse backgrounds to pursue advanced degrees in the state's existing medical, dental, pharmacy, nursing and other health related programs; and (2) operation of two rural panhandle clinics."

Specific Appropriation 586

Page 104- A portion of proviso language

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 586, \$400,000 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund is provided for Brain and Spinal Research at the University of Miami."

Specific Appropriation 587A

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"587A SPECIAL CATEGORIES

FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL

UNIVERSITY CRESTVIEW CENTER

FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1,500,000"

Specific Appropriation 589

Page 105- A portion of proviso language

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 589, \$150,000 from the General Revenue Fund is provided as additional funding for ventilator dependent, medically fragile children in the Broward Children's Center."

SECTION 4 - CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CORRECTIONS

Over the last several years, Florida's inmate population growth began leveling off and recently took a downward turn and is expected to continue to decline over the next five years. In fact, the population is forecast to fall below 100,000 as early as late 2012. Florida's juvenile justice system is mirroring the trends in the adult system. The number of youth referred for delinquency decreased 11 percent over the past five years, and the number of youth committed to a juvenile residential program decreased 13.6 percent over the same time period. This downward trend is also expected to continue.

These decreased demands in both Corrections and Juvenile Justice, coupled with the lowest crime rates in almost 40 years, provides the opportunity to safely reduce the size of Florida's prison and juvenile justice systems and reduce the heavy financial burden on Florida citizens. This budget follows my recommendation to close aging, expensive to operate prisons and consolidate inmates into empty beds that exist in newer, more efficient facilities. This budget reduces the size of Florida's prison system and saves more than \$100 million, of which \$75 million is saved from prison closures alone. Further, this budget responsibly redirects a portion of the savings from prison closures into treatment and reentry services to aid in further reducing Florida's recidivism rate. In Juvenile Justice, this budget saves more than \$13 million by eliminating more than 300 excess beds that are no longer utilized and redirecting a substantial portion of those savings back into front end, prevention and intervention, evidence based services for troubled youth.

I have approved several programs for which there is a demonstrated need and the program provides a much needed service and supports responsible reform. Within the Department of Corrections, ensuring a successful reentry into the community once released from prison is vital to reducing recidivism. Programs such as *Operation New Hope Reentry* and the *Hillsborough Reentry Center* work with the reentry portal to connect the ex-offender with needed services that have been identified through a needs assessment during the release planning process.

Within the Department of Juvenile Justice, programs such as the *Florida Alliance of Boys and Girls Club* are multifaceted programs working to prevent youth from entering the juvenile justice system and also provide programs and rehabilitation for youth who have entered the system.

I applaud the Legislature for increasing funding for the *Guardian ad Litem* program. The *Guardian ad Litem* program represents thousands of neglected and abused children involved in court proceedings. Of the more than 31,000 children in need of representation, this increased funding will ensure more than 75 percent are served. The additional funds provided for the *Guardian ad Litem* program will allow the program to increase their volunteer base and continue to assist the state program office with statewide training.

I do hereby withhold my approval of the following items:

Specific Appropriation 633

Page 110- A portion of proviso language

"From funds in Specific Appropriation 633, up to \$10,000 in general revenue funds is appropriated for the department to prepare and issue a competitive procurement no later than July 31, 2012, for statewide inmate phone services."

Specific Appropriation 746

Page 119- A portion of proviso language

"From funds in Specific Appropriation 746, \$250,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided for a pilot project utilizing remote transcription services."

Specific Appropriation 774

Page 122- A portion of proviso language

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 774, \$150,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided for the WestCare substance abuse treatment program in Pinellas County."

Specific Appropriation 776

Page 122- A portion of proviso language

"From funds in Specific Appropriation 776, \$350,000 in nonrecurring funds is provided for WestCare Foundation, Inc. to establish a pilot program for Pasco and Pinellas counties utilizing the "Smart Justice" model as an accountable alternative for Non-Violent Drug Offenders who would be sentenced to prison. A comprehensive clinical assessment will be utilized to identify the offender's appropriateness for the program. Up to 60 offenders in Pasco and Pinellas counties will be targeted at a

cost of no more than \$16.00 per day. This model will incorporate a bundled program approach to monitoring, using global positioning devices, day reporting, employment coaching, drug treatment, family reunification, counseling and other community interventions."

Specific Appropriation 1203

Page 171- A portion of proviso language

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1203, \$2,450,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds shall be used to issue an Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) to implement a comprehensive transition planning process that engages the community stakeholders within 30 days of the youth's admission to the facility and provide transition focused case management services to the youth and their family while the youth is in commitment and continuing six months upon returning to the community. A minimum of 10 percent, but not to exceed 12.5 percent, shall be used to produce public information and parental education information."

Specific Appropriation 1249A

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"1249A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY FACILITY REPAIRS MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND	200,000
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The funds in Specific Appropriation 1249A are appropriated as nonrecurring for maintenance and repairs to the Here's Help Residential Facility in Miami-Dade County."

Specific Appropriation 1270

Page 178- A portion of proviso language

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1270, \$450,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided to fund a virtual (web-based) system that addresses life, educational and workforce needs of the students housed in residential and non-residential facilities. The system may be assessment driven, but will lead to mastery, competency and certification in counseling domains including life adjustment, educational, career or employability and optimal mental health."

Specific Appropriation 1299

Page 184- A portion of proviso language

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1299, \$250,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided for planning funds for the construction of a new 400 bed Flagler County jail."

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1299, \$250,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is provided to the City of Boca Raton for security for a presidential debate at Lynn University."

Specific Appropriation 1333
Page 190- A portion of proviso language

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1333, \$100,000 from recurring general revenue funds is provided to the Family Justice Center in Hillsborough County for assistance to victims of domestic violence."

Specific Appropriation 1339A
Page 191

"1339A SPECIAL CATEGORIES
CIVIL LEGAL ASSISTANCE
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 2,000,000

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1339A, \$1,000,000 in recurring general revenue funds and \$1,000,000 in nonrecurring general revenue funds is appropriated for the "Florida Access to Civil Legal Assistance Act" to promote the availability of civil legal assistance to the poor and improve access to justice."

**SECTION 5 - NATURAL RESOURCES/ENVIRONMENT/GROWTH
MANAGEMENT/TRANSPORTATION**

I am committed to making the State of Florida the nation's best place for people to live and work. We remain committed to protecting our natural environment; maintaining healthy fish, wildlife, and their habitats; and a vital and growing agricultural industry. Florida has invested significant resources to improve water quality and supply for the unique Everglades ecosystem and South Florida's 7.7 million residents. I have worked continuously with our federal and state partners to build upon this important investment because I believe that a healthy Everglades is part of a healthy Florida economy. I am pleased to approve \$30 million in this budget to enhance Florida's commitment to securing a healthy Everglades. Funds will be used to improve hydrology, water quality and aquatic habitats to the Everglades, Florida and Biscayne Bays, Lake Okeechobee and the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie Rivers and estuaries that have been adversely impacted. Funds will also be used for the control of non-point source runoff from agricultural and urban watersheds. Florida's beaches are some of the best in the world and provide an outstanding recreational benefit to Floridians and our visitors. I am pleased to approve \$22 million for the restoration and renourishment of these amazing resources. The budget also includes \$8.4 million for the Florida Forever program to protect our most important land and water resources through the acquisition of only certain rights to some properties. This allows specific environmental or natural resource objectives to be met while allowing the landowner to continue other uses of the land.

In addition, I am pleased that this budget includes savings due to increased budget transparency and increased efficiency in a number of processes. This includes reducing 169

vacant positions across agencies as well as streamlining government operations such as the consolidation of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Division of Standards with Consumer Services, resulting in a savings of \$8 million.

The Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget includes more than \$8 billion for the improvement of Florida's Transportation Systems. Funds are used for the planning, development, construction, operation and maintenance of Florida's transportation network. Florida's transportation system is an integral part of growing Florida's economy, creating jobs and improving the quality of life for our citizens. This includes the expansion of Florida's roads, infrastructure improvements for Florida's ports, and greater coordination between transportation modes to create seamless movement of residents and guests, along with products and goods throughout the state. In addition, to ensure Florida's continued role as a global leader in international trade and commerce this budget includes over \$140 million in Seaport funding.

Over the past year, the Department of Transportation has been working to improve the state's relationship with the Transportation Authorities. I remain committed to ensuring that current and future agreements provide the most cost effective option for providing our residents and tourists with a safe and effective transportation system. It should be noted, however that repayment of funds previously loaned to authorities under the current agreements will remain a priority of this administration.

I do hereby withhold my approval of the following items:

Specific Appropriation 1437A

Page 201

"1437A	SPECIAL CATEGORIES	
	BABCOCK RANCH INCORPORATED	
	FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND	97,000"

Specific Appropriation 1443A

Page 202

"1443A	AID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS	
	GRANTS AND AIDS - LEHIGH ACRES WILDFIRE	
	SUPPRESSION	
	FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND	100,000"

Specific Appropriation 1471

Page 204- A portion of proviso language

"Of the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 1471, \$1,116,632 from the General Inspection Trust Fund shall be used for research into the practical methods of control to be used by local mosquito control agencies, including research into the prevention of mosquito borne illnesses. The research shall be conducted by the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS)/Florida Medical Entomology Laboratory."

Specific Appropriation 1479A
Page 205

"1479A	SPECIAL CATEGORIES	
	ACQUISITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES	
	FROM GENERAL INSPECTION TRUST FUND .	200,000"

Specific Appropriation 1497A
Page 207

"1497A	SPECIAL CATEGORIES	
	FLORIDA HORSE PARK	
	FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND	500,000"

Specific Appropriation 1645A
Page 223

"1645A	GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND	
	NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY	
	GRANTS AND AIDS - SOUTH FLORIDA WATER	
	MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FLOOD MITIGATION	
	INVENTORY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN	
	FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND	4,000,000"

Specific Appropriation 1662
Page 225- A portion of proviso language

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1662, \$60,000 in nonrecurring funds is provided to complete the Rainbow Springs Restoration Plan."

Specific Appropriation 1683A
Page 227- A portion of proviso language

"City of Okeechobee - Park of Commerce - Storm-water.....	200,000"
"City of Okeechobee - Storm-water Retrofit.....	250,000
Okeechobee Utility Authority - Wastewater Improvements.....	550,000
Town of Pembroke Park - Storm-water Retrofit.....	100,000
Hardee County - Wastewater Treatment.....	765,000
City of Moore Haven - Storm-water Improvement.....	100,000
City of LaBelle - Waste Water Treatment Plant.....	2,318,172
Hendry County - Airglades Airport Utility System	
Force Main Line Extension.....	3,500,000
Imperial River - Oak Creek Water Quality Project and Harbor	
River Ponds/Spring Creek Water Enhancement.....	250,000
Eau Gallie River (EGRET) Dredging Project.....	100,000"
"City of Belleview - South 441 Project.....	1,500,000
Sumter County - Feasibility Study of Lake	
Panasoffkee Wastewater System.....	35,000
Crystal River Kings Bay Environmental Enhancement.....	100,000
Hialeah Stormwater Rehabilitation.....	140,000
St. Lucie River Environmental Enhancement.....	100,000
Santa Rosa County Navarre Pass Feasibility Study.....	150,000

Umatilla City Sewer.....	352,163
Miami River Environmental Enhancement.....	100,000
St. Johns River Economic Analysis Study - University of North Florida.....	400,000
Palm Beach County Water Treatment - Glades Area.....	1,000,000
Hillsborough Avenue & 30th Street - Stormwater Improvements.	200,000"

Specific Appropriation 1731A

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"1731A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND
NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY
NATURAL HABITAT PARK AND ENVIRONMENTAL
CENTER - SEMINOLE CAMPUS ST. PETERSBURG
COLLEGE
FROM LAND ACQUISITION TRUST FUND . . . 100,000"

Specific Appropriation 1828

Pages 240 and 241- A portion of proviso language

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1828, \$350,000 in
nonrecurring general revenue funds shall be used for the LaBelle City
Wharf Improvements project."

Specific Appropriation 1918

Page 251- A portion of proviso language

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1918, \$1,200,000 shall be
used by the Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority for a LYNX
route serving the area between Orlando International Airport and Lake
Buena Vista."

Specific Appropriation 1922

Page 251- A portion of proviso language

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 1922, up to \$5,000,000 shall
be used for port projects involving bulkhead repairs for those ports
located in counties designated as Rural Areas of Critical Economic
Concern (RACEC) and are eligible for funding as provided in section
311.07(3)(a), Florida Statutes."

Specific Appropriation 1946

Pages 253 and 254- A portion of proviso language

"The general revenue funds in Specific Appropriation 1946 are provided
as follows:

Road Maintenance Vehicle Replacement - City of Hialeah.....	72,769
Road Maintenance Equipment - City of Hialeah.....	196,846"

Specific Appropriation 1968A

Pages 255 and 256- A portion of proviso language

"Miami River Environmental Enhancements - Lummus Park/Docks
and Piers for Commercial Use..... 100,000

N.W. 25th Avenue Improvements - City of Miami Gardens.....	300,000
Little River Canal Seawall Remediation Project - Village of El Portal.....	150,000
S.W. 56th Avenue (Martin Luther King Boulevard) Transportation Enhancements - City of West Park.....	150,000
Traffic Improvements - SW 190th Extension - Town of Southwest Ranches.....	243,000
West End Bridge Crossing.....	500,000
State Road 44 and Meadowcrest Boulevard - Citrus County.....	200,000
Transportation Expressway Authority Grants.....	4,000,000"
 "Fairgreen Road Extension - Port St. Lucie.....	 1,100,000"
 "N.W. 21st Street Roadway Improvement - Lauderdale Lakes.....	 500,000"

Specific Appropriation 2007A
Page 259

"2007A SPECIAL CATEGORIES	
PAYMENT TO EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITIES	
FROM STATE TRANSPORTATION	
(PRIMARY) TRUST FUND	12,322,862"

SECTION 6 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT

The Fiscal Year 2012-2013 budget for Economic Development supports key initiatives outlined in my Job Creation and Economic Growth Agenda - to stimulate job growth, promote an economic climate in which Florida's businesses can grow and provide the funding resources needed to quickly and efficiently respond to job creation opportunities.

With the support of the Legislature, economic development funding of over \$103 million has been invested to allow for the flexibility needed to adapt to the most promising business opportunities. A key component is providing the *flexibility* needed to use these funds to react quickly to unexpected opportunities which will enhance and encourage business growth and expansion in Florida. My goal is to create an environment that encourages the start, relocation and expansion of businesses with minimum government interference.

In an effort to get Floridians back to work, with my initiative and in partnership with the Legislature, significant legislation passed to rebrand our unemployment system to a reemployment system and to refocus our workforce programs on providing job-seekers with reemployment assistance. Increasing accountability and oversight at the State's 24 workforce boards will also bring consistency to the boards and allow them to focus on their main mission of getting Floridians better prepared and back to work.

I believe a key role for Florida's general government agencies is to ensure that services are provided efficiently at the lowest possible cost to taxpayers. These agencies serve not only other state agencies but also serve as the gateway for new and growing businesses. An example that I strongly support and the Legislature adopted, is the development of a One-Stop

Business Registration Portal in the Department of Revenue at a cost of approximately \$3 million dollars. This Portal will simplify the process for individuals and businesses seeking to start businesses and transact business in Florida by providing a single point-of-entry into state government for completing and submitting required documentation.

In addition, I am pleased that this budget includes savings due to increased efficiency in a number of processes. This includes a savings of \$318,000 and 7.5 positions within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation's Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco due to the automation of the brand registration and excise tax submission processes. The Office of Financial Regulation was reduced by \$3.5 million and 81 positions based on the identification of administrative efficiencies and the right-sizing of operations. In addition, the Departments of Economic Opportunity, Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and State realized a saving of \$4.2 million and 63 positions due to increased program and management efficiencies. I will continue to work with the Legislature to identify additional efficiencies and non-core activities that can further reduce the burden, measured in both time and money, on taxpayers and Florida's businesses.

I have approved programs or projects that have a statewide impact, or that have gone through a competitive review process and are recommended based on measurable and positive outcomes. Such programs as the *Historic Preservation Grants Program* and the *Cultural Facilities Program* recommend projects based on specific criteria outlined, then reviewed by a peer group before recommended for funding. Projects and programs that have won approval this year are held accountable with clear measurable performance criteria and deliverables in an effort to ensure the proper use of state tax dollars. Such programs include *CAMACOL Trade, Florida Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program, Economic Gardening – University of Central Florida and the Rowing Center in Sarasota, Florida*.

I do hereby withhold my approval of the following items:

Specific Appropriation 2249A

Page 281- A portion of proviso language

"Goodwill Industries of South Florida..... 250,000"

Specific Appropriation 2252

Page 282- A portion of proviso language

"From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2252 from the Employment Security Administration Trust Fund, and allocated by Workforce Florida, Inc, or the Department of Economic Opportunity to the regional workforce boards covering Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, Putnam, and St. Johns counties (First Coast Workforce Development, Inc.), Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Lake, and Sumter counties (Workforce Central Florida), and Broward County (Workforce One), \$1,000,000 shall be used by each of the three regional workforce boards to provide competitively-procured contracts for the purpose of providing year-round youth services to eligible low-income youth from disadvantaged neighborhoods. Special consideration shall be given to youth providers with established track records of providing services to low-income youth from disadvantaged neighborhoods."

Specific Appropriation 2280A

Page 285- A portion of proviso language

"From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2280A, \$250,000 shall be allocated to the Urban League."

Specific Appropriation 2284A

Page 286

"2284A SPECIAL CATEGORIES

GRANTS AND AIDS - REGIONAL PLANNING
COUNCILS

FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 2,500,000

Funds in Specific Appropriation 2284A are provided to the Regional Planning Councils, 70 percent of which must be divided equally among the councils, and 30 percent of which must be allocated according to population. The funds shall be used to prepare and implement strategic regional policy plans, perform regional review and comment functions, and assist local governments in addressing problems of greater-than-local significance."

Specific Appropriation 2292A

Page 287- A portion of proviso language

"2292A SPECIAL CATEGORIES

GRANTS AND AIDS TO COMMUNITY SERVICES

FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 8,950,000

From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2292A, \$5,000,000 shall be provided to the City of Miami for public infrastructure improvements within the Miami Design District located in the Enterprise Zone, which state contribution shall be contingent upon the provision of a fifty percent match from the City of Miami and/or Miami-Dade County in either the form of a cash contribution or capital project to benefit the area.

The remaining funds provided in Specific Appropriation 2292A shall be allocated as follows:

Torry Island Master Plan Development.....	50,000
Renaissance of the Parramore Neighborhood in Downtown Orlando.....	900,000
Pine Hills Neighborhood Redevelopment Project - Orange County.....	2,000,000
Dr. J.B. Callahan Neighborhood Center in Parramore - renovation and expansion.....	1,000,000"

Specific Appropriation 2306A
Pages 290 and 291- A portion of proviso language

"CAMACOL FILM.....	150,000"
"Entrepreneurial Academy of the African American Chamber of Commerce.....	100,000
The Greater Caribbean Chamber of Commerce.....	50,000"

Specific Appropriation 2306B
Page 291- A portion of proviso language

"West Orange County Economic Development Business Center.....	1,000,000"
"University of Central Florida Small Business Incubator.....	1,000,000"
"Hialeah Chamber of Commerce and Industries.....	100,000"

Specific Appropriation 2340A
Page 294

"2340A LUMP SUM	
TRANSPARENCY SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE	
POSITIONS	4.00
FROM ADMINISTRATIVE TRUST FUND . . .	1,411,334"

Specific Appropriation 2488A
Page 306

"2488A SPECIAL CATEGORIES	
TRANSFER TO FLORIDA CATASTROPHIC STORM	
RISK MANAGEMENT CENTER AT FLORIDA STATE	
UNIVERSITY	
FROM INSURANCE REGULATORY TRUST	
FUND	350,000

Funds in Specific Appropriation 2488A are provided to meet the requirements set forth in section 1004.647, Florida Statutes."

Specific Appropriation 2518A
Page 309

"2518A SPECIAL CATEGORIES	
WORKERS' COMPENSATION RESEARCH INSTITUTE	
STUDY	
FROM WORKERS' COMPENSATION	
ADMINISTRATION TRUST FUND	195,000"

Specific Appropriation 2685A
Page 327

"2685A AID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS	
GRANTS AND AIDS - PROJECTS, CONTRACTS AND	
GRANTS	
FROM HIGHWAY SAFETY OPERATING	

TRUST FUND	250,000
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From the funds in Specific Appropriation 2685A, \$250,000 in nonrecurring funds from the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund are for the purpose of promoting motorcycle safety awareness through public information and education campaigns. These funds are provided to the American Bikers Aiming Toward Education of Florida, Inc. The American Bikers Aiming Toward Education of Florida, Inc., is required to provide an independent program audit to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to ensure that these funds were utilized to enhance motorcycle safety education. The expense of this required independent program audit may be funded from a portion of the funds provided."

Specific Appropriation 2762

Page 335- A portion of proviso language

"From the general revenue funds in Specific Appropriation 2762, the department shall pay \$294,820 for the services provided pursuant to Purchase Order Number 7200 A4F71E and the corresponding agreement for certain tenant broker consulting services and preparation of the Leon County Master Real Estate Plan pursuant to contract number DMS 06/07-115, which are hereby ratified."

Specific Appropriation 2821A

Page 340

"2821A SPECIAL CATEGORIES	
MATCHMAKER CONFERENCE	
FROM GRANTS AND DONATIONS TRUST	
FUND	185,000"

Specific Appropriation 3141B

Page 372

"3141B SPECIAL CATEGORIES	
HISTORIC PROPERTY PLANNING	
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND	250,000

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 3141B, \$250,000 of nonrecurring general revenue is provided for the Division of Historical Resources to develop, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection, Division of State Lands, a long-range master plan to ensure the long-term preservation and interpretation of archeological and historic resources located on the Wallwood Plantation property in Leon County. This plan shall be submitted to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate by December 1, 2012."

Specific Appropriation 3143

Page 372- A portion of proviso language

"Historic Hampton House - Miami.....	100,000"
"Historical Log Cabin - The Village of Biscayne Park.....	150,000
Captain Hendry House Rehabilitation - LaBelle.....	43,600"

Specific Appropriation 3149A

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"3149A GRANTS AND AIDS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONSTATE ENTITIES - FIXED CAPITAL OUTLAY HISTORIC PROJECT - HOLOCAUST DOCUMENTATION AND EDUCATION CENTER RAIL CAR RENOVATION FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND	500,000"
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Specific Appropriation 3162A

Page 374

"3162A AID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS GRANTS AND AIDS - LIBRARY COOPERATIVES FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND	1,500,000"
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Specific Appropriation 3174A

Page 375- A portion of proviso language

"Florida Aquarium	500,000"
"Lake Wales Arts Council.....	50,000
Family Empowerment and Intervention - North Miami.....	100,000
Haitian Heritage Museum Project.....	75,000
Bay of Pigs Museum.....	500,000
Science and Discovery Center of Northwest Florida.....	250,000
Heritage Trail Net Work Black History House - Tallahassee...	300,000"

Specific Appropriation 3174B

Page 375

"3174B SPECIAL CATEGORIES GRANTS AND AIDS - FLORIDA AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE PRESERVATION NETWORK FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND	250,000"
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SECTION 7 - JUDICIAL BRANCH

The State Court System is the third branch of government and ensuring the courts are appropriately funded with a stable funding source was a priority this legislative session. I recommended, and the Legislature approved, funding the State Court System primarily from General Revenue and redirecting the foreclosure filing fees, which have been volatile, into General Revenue. I fully support the additional funds the Legislature provided to help the courts begin addressing the backlog of foreclosure cases.

Also, in reviewing all the needs throughout the state, funds were provided for specific, local buildings that are not the responsibility of the state.

I do hereby withhold my approval of the following items:

Specific Appropriation 3202A
Page 380

"3202A AID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
SMALL COUNTY COURTHOUSE FACILITIES
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND 2,275,000

Funds in Specific Appropriation 3202A are provided for courthouse facilities in the following counties:

Gadsden.....	50,000
Glades.....	400,000
Hardee.....	325,000
Hendry.....	1,500,000"

OTHER SECTIONS

Section 55

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"and \$2,000,000 is appropriated for Fiscal
Year 2012-13 to the Department of Environmental Protection for the
following water projects:

City of LaBelle 1.5 MGD RO Membrane Water Treatment	
Plant Phase 1a.....	300,000
Port LaBelle Gravity Sewer Rehab.....	500,000
City of Minneola Waste Water Line Extension.....	300,000
Cape Coral/Fort Myers Reclaimed Interconnect.....	900,000"

Section 82

Page 401

"SECTION 82. The sum of \$85,635 is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of State for the 2011-2012 fiscal year for a library grant to the Okaloosa County Library. This section shall be effective upon this act becoming law."

Section 83

Page 401

"SECTION 83. The sum of \$500,000 is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of State for the 2011-2012 fiscal year for construction of a Frank Lloyd Wright House at Florida Southern College. This section shall be effective upon this act becoming law."

Secretary Ken Detzner

April 17, 2012

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Section 93

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"SECTION 93. The Legislature hereby adopts by reference the changes to the approved operating budget as set forth in Budget Amendment EOG #B2012-0240 as submitted on January 25, 2012, by the Governor on behalf of the Department of Children and Family Services for approval by the Legislative Budget Commission. The Governor shall modify the approved operating budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 consistent with the amendment. This section is effective upon becoming law."

Finally, as I did last year and in recognition of my continued commitment to the citizens of Florida, I am voluntarily reducing my salary to 1 cent per month for Fiscal Year 2012-13 as authorized in Section 8 of the General Appropriations Act in which the Legislature has set the salary schedule for state officers and judges.

The portions of House Bill 5001 which are set forth herein with my objections are hereby vetoed, and all other portions of House Bill 5001 are hereby approved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rick Scott', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rick Scott
Governor