

RESOLUTION #2010-003

WHEREAS, the national and local economy of the United States and Gadsden County is creating hardship upon local businesses in Gadsden County; and

WHEREAS, Agri-business and specifically tomato agriculture is a viable and historical avenue of local businesses and employers of Gadsden County residents; and is currently seeking relief of the unnecessary requirements contained in Florida Statute 500.4; and

WHEREAS, Florida is only 1 out of 50 states to have approved this type of restrictive legislation; and

WHEREAS, this legislation has an adverse effect to the livelihood of families as well as the tax base for governmental services; and

WHEREAS, the tomato agriculture industry significantly contributes to the betterment of the community by employing local families and providing opportunities for entrepreneurship by small farmers; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Gadsden County, Florida, do hereby commit to and encourage the repeal or revisions be made to Florida Statute 500.4 to relieve the undue burdens that are not equitable to other agribusiness tomato markets in the United States and to give opportunity for inclusion of north Florida tomato farmers to have input into regulations of agribusiness for the interest of developing equitable legislation for all of Florida's farmers.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GADSDEN COUNTY

Eugene Lamb, Jr., Chairman

Attest:

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk