

RESOLUTION NUMBER 00- 19

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA, PROVIDING DIRECTION TO THE TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO SUPPORT LEE COUNTY IN THEIR ACTION FOR REVIEW OF SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT'S RELEASE OF LAKE WATER INTO THE CALOOSAHATCHEE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT has commenced the release of substantial quantities of water from Lake Okeechobee into the Caloosahatchee River: and

WHEREAS, it is undisputed that such release will have a detrimental environmental impact upon the health of the Caloosahatchee Estuary including animals as large as manatees; and,

WHEREAS, it is altogether fitting and proper that the Town of Fort Myers Beach consider the impact upon the marine resources within the Town's jurisdiction: and

WHEREAS, the Town Comprehensive Plan, Objective 6-A Estuaries and Bays, requires improvement of estuaries and bays including seagrass meadows, tidal flats, soft bottoms, oyster bars, tidal creeks and open water; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Comprehensive Plan, Objective 6-C, Protected Species, requires cooperation with local, state and federal agencies in protecting endangered, threatened, or of special concern wildlife; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Comprehensive Plan, Objective 6-H, Water Quality, requires improvement in surrounding water bodies of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA:

SECTION ONE: Direction To The Town Manager and Town Attorney. The Town Manager and the Town Attorney are directed to support Lee County in their action for review of South Florida Water Management District's release of lake water into the Caloosahatchee and the resulting adverse and inconsistent impact upon the above stated objectives of the Town Comprehensive Plan.

SECTION TWO: Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Fort Myers Beach Town Council upon being put to a vote, the result was as follows:

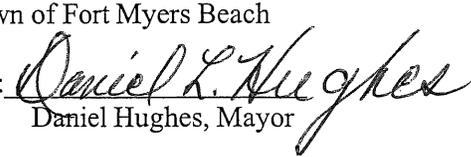
Anita T. Cereceda	<u>aye</u>
Dan Hughes	<u>aye</u>
Garr Reynolds	<u>absent</u>
Ray Murphy	<u>aye</u>
Terry Cain	<u>aye</u>

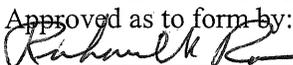
DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of May, 2000.

ATTEST:

Town of Fort Myers Beach

By: 
Marsha Segal-George, Town Clerk

By: 
Daniel Hughes, Mayor

Approved as to form by:


Richard V.S. Roosa, Town Attorney