

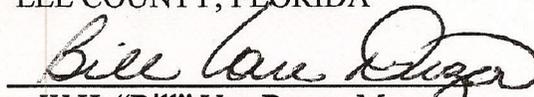
**Town of Fort Myers Beach
RESOLUTION 05-14**

- Whereas: Endless miles of expansive white sand beaches and pristine mangrove estuaries serve as the cornerstone to Lee County resident's quality of life and continue to fuel the County's economic development; and:
- Whereas: The Lee County Board of County Commissioners in conjunction with the Lee County Visitor and Convention Bureau have had the vision to recognize that water quality is tantamount to sustaining and nurturing a healthy ecosystem in Southwest Florida for generations to come to enjoy; and:
- Whereas: High discharges of nutrient laden freshwater from Lake Okeechobee have been severely damaging to Lee County's sensitive marine ecosystems; and:
- Whereas: The Lee County Visitor and Convention Bureau has spearheaded the initiative to represent Southwest Florida's water quality concerns at the local, state and national levels, ensuring that the region's interests are well represented and addressed in water management policies; and:
- Whereas: The Lee County Board of County Commissioners have been proactive in supporting and encouraging water quality research and analysis projects throughout Lee County by providing study funding through the Lee County Visitor and Convention Bureau; and:
- Whereas: The Lee County Visitor and Convention Bureau's Water Resource Initiative has emphasized the crucial importance of a timely completion of The Southwest Florida Feasibility Study component of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Project; and:
- Whereas: The Lee County Visitor and Convention Bureau has lobbied for the incorporation of appropriate water treatment measures to the C-43 freshwater storage reservoir along the Calosahatchee River:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Town of Fort Myers Beach, Florida does hereby support the environmental stewardship role undertaken by the Lee County and the Lee County Visitor and Convention Bureau and fully backs their efforts to ensure that Southwest Florida is fairly represented and acknowledged in the state and federal government's water management policies

Duly Executed this 6th day of June

TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA


W.H. "Bill" Van Duzer, Mayor