

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF  
THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA  
RESOLUTION 08-29**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD TO IMMEDIATELY RECONSIDER AND REVERSE ITS DECISION TO HALT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA RESERVOIR A-1 PROJECT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, as part of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP), the State of Florida and the South Florida Water Management District entered into a Memorandum of Agreement on October 2004, to expedite environmental restoration of the Everglades and construct one of the largest above-ground reservoirs in the world in order to provide 190,000 acre-feet of water storage south of Lake Okeechobee, said project to be known as the Everglades Agricultural Area A1-Reservoir ("Reservoir"); and

**WHEREAS**, the construction and completion of the Reservoir would significantly assist in the restoration of ecological balance of the Everglades, as well as revive the habit for threatened and endangered species; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Florida Water Management District passed Resolution No. 2008-528 which temporarily suspended the construction of the Reservoir pending the resolution of a lawsuit filed by the natural Resources Defense Council which challenges decisions made by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as it relates to the proposed Reservoir; and

**WHEREAS**, the completion of the Reservoir is crucial to Florida's environment and a critical element of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP); and the health and vitality of the Caloosahatchee River and the receiving waters of Estero Bay and the Gulf of Mexico.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town Council of the Town of Fort Myers Beach, Florida;

**Section 1.** The Town Council hereby urges the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board to immediately reconsider and reverse its decision to halt the construction of the Everglades Agricultural Area Reservoir A-1 Project and encourages the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board to resume the construction of this critical environmental project.

**Section 2.** Effective date.

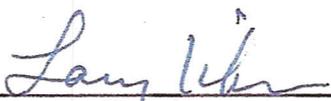
The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Town Council upon a motion by Councilmember Raymond and seconded by Councilmember List and upon being put to a vote, the result was as follows:

Larry Kiker, Mayor aye  
Herb Acken, Vice Mayor aye

Tom Babcock aye  
Jo List aye  
Bob Raymond aye

ADOPTED ON THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2008.

**TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH**

By:   
Larry Kiker, Mayor

Approved as to legal sufficiency:

By:   
Anne Dalton, Esquire, Town Attorney

ATTEST:

By:   
Michelle D. Mayher, Town Clerk

