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RESOLUTION NO: 2012-69

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE CENTRAL EVERGLADES PLANNING PROJECT FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE CENTRAL EVERGLADES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Sponsored by Councilman Howard J. Tendrich)

WHEREAS, the Greater Everglades Ecosystem is a globally imperiled habitat and the primary source of drinking water for the Village of Palmetto Bay; and

WHEREAS, Everglades National Park is critical to South Florida's tourism, with nearly a million visitors each year; 30 percent of whom are from outside the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Everglades ecosystem has continued to decline in the face of restoration delays and an expedited solution is needed to increase the quality, quantity, timing, and distribution of freshwater flows into the central Everglades, Everglades National Park, and Florida and Biscayne Bays; and

WHEREAS, increased deliveries of water south of Lake Okeechobee will reduce damaging discharges to the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie estuaries; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) is to significantly reduce planning times and deliver a finalized plan for a suite of restoration projects in the central Everglades within 18 months; and

WHEREAS, full support and funding by the State of Florida and the U.S. Congress is needed to implement this project that will protect regional water supply, create much needed jobs, and strengthen the local economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the foregoing "**WHEREAS**" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

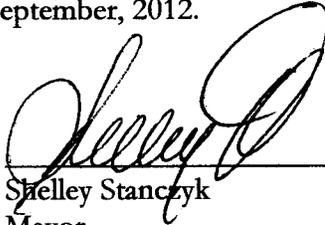
Section 2. That the Village of Palmetto Bay supports the completion of a Project Implementation Report (PIR) by the South Florida Water Management District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers through the CEPP by May 2013 that addresses key obstacles for restoring freshwater flows and implements meaningful ecological and economic benefits toward restoring America's Everglades.

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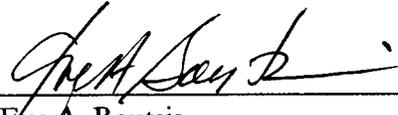
Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of September, 2012.

Attest: 
Meighan J. Alexander
Village Clerk


Shelley Stanczyk
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Eve A. Boutsis
Village Attorney

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

- Council Member Patrick Fiore YES
- Council Member Howard J. Tendrich YES
- Council Member Joan Lindsay YES
- Vice-Mayor Brian W. Pariser YES
- Mayor Shelley Stanczyk. YES