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RESOLUTION NO. 09-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY RELATING TO URGING THE U.S. CONGRESS AND FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO FULLY FUND BISCAYNE BAY COASTAL WETLANDS PROJECTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. [Sponsored by Eugene P. Flinn, Jr.; co-sponsored by Councilman Howard Tendrich].

WHEREAS, the Greater Everglades Ecosystem is a globally imperiled habitat and the primary source of drinking water for Miami-Dade County; and,

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Project (CERP) is the largest ecosystem restoration effort in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, The CERP is intended to restore fresh water sheet flows to Everglades National Park and Biscayne National park; and,

WHEREAS, two projects on the list of 68 identified in CERP, the C-111 spreader canal and the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands rehydration projects, are the only elements of the restoration plan that rehydrate wetlands and restore the estuaries within Biscayne National Park; and,

WHEREAS, full funding for all phases of both of these projects are critical to the restoration of Biscayne National Park; and,

WHEREAS, these two projects are also critical to Miami-Dade County's efforts to adapt to the projected impact of sea level rise that will cause additional saltwater intrusion in areas that are already experiencing significant saltwater migration several miles inland; and,

WHEREAS, restoration of freshwater sheet flow feeding into southern Biscayne Bay will help hold back saltwater intrusion and improve the County's resilience to potential climate impacts; and,

WHEREAS, the projects are also both "shovel-ready" and "green", making them consistent with early goals for federal economic stimulus funding.

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

Section 1. Urges the U.S. Congress and the Florida Legislature to fully fund Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands projects, in particular the two projects critical to Biscayne Bay and Biscayne National Park: (i) both phases of the C-111 spreader canal and (ii) the Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetland rehydration project.

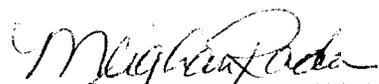
Section 2. Urges the U.S. Congress and the Florida Legislature to prioritize funding for Everglades restoration projects in any economic stimulus package passed.

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2 **Section 3.** Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution
3 to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation, the Governor of Florida, the President of
4 the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, and the Chair and
5 Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation.
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7 **Section 4.** Directs the Village's federal state lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the
8 legislation set forth in Section 1 and 2 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to
9 include this item in the 2009 Federal and State Legislative Packages.

10 PASSED and ADOPTED this 2nd day of March, 2009.

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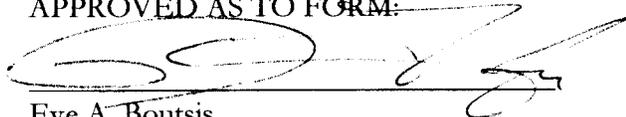


15 Meghan Rader
16 Village Clerk



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18 Eugene P. Flinn, Jr.
19 Mayor

20 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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22 Eve A. Boutsis,
23 Office of Village Attorney

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25 FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

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27 Council Member Ed Feller YES
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29 Council Member Howard Tendrich YES
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31 Council Member Shelley Stanczyk YES
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33 Vice-Mayor Brian W. Pariser YES
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35 Mayor Eugene P. Flinn, Jr. YES
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