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RESOLUTION NO. 09-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S PURCHASE OF NEARLY 300 SQUARE MILES OF LAND FOR EVERGLADES RESTORATION; URGING THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO CONTINUE PURCHASING ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LAND IN THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE STATE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. [Sponsored by Mayor Eugene P. Flinn, Jr.].

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2008, the State of Florida announced its intentions to purchase nearly 300 square miles of land for Everglades restoration; and,

WHEREAS, this purchase of land is considered to be one of the largest land conservation purchases in the history of the United States of America; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Palmetto Bay recognizes this outstanding accomplishment as well as the importance of Everglades restoration and enthusiastically supports the state of Florida in its efforts to purchase this land; and;

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) will use tax dollars to pay off bonds that would help finance the purchase of this land, which may cause the delay of other conservation purchases of land by SFWMD; and,

WHEREAS, the Village and SFWMD have been great partners in working together to preserve environmentally sensitive lands within the Village that are adjacent to Biscayne National Park and the Village urges SFWMD to support Cutler Bay in its efforts to preserve environmentally sensitive lands; and,

WHEREAS, the Village urges SFWMD to continue to maintain the priority of purchasing such environmentally sensitive lands within Cutler Bay in order to help further preserve and protect Biscayne National Park; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Village Council finds that this Resolution is in the best interest and welfare of the residents of the Village of Palmetto Bay, and all of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

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

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Support of the State of Florida's Land Purchase. The Mayor and Village Council hereby provide its enthusiastic support of the State of Florida and the South Florida Water

1 Management District's efforts to purchase nearly 300 square miles of land for Everglades
2 restoration.

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4 **Section 3. Urging the District to Continue to Purchase Land in Miami-Dade**
5 **County.** The Mayor and Village Council hereby urges the South Florida Water Management
6 District to continue to maintain the priority of purchasing environmentally sensitive lands within
7 Miami-Dade County and, more specifically, the Town of Cutler Bay, the Village's neighbor to the
8 South, in order to help further preserve and protect Biscayne National Park.

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10 **Section 4. Transmittal to the State.** The Village Clerk is hereby authorized to
11 transmit this resolution to the Governor's office and the South Florida Water Management District
12 and to also transmit a copy of Town of Cutler Bay resolution 08-44.

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14 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon
15 adoption.

16 PASSED and ADOPTED this 12th day of January, 2009.

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18 Attest:

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20 Meighan Kader,
21 Village Clerk

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23 Eugene P. Flinn, Jr.,
24 Mayor

25 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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27 Eve A. Boutsis, Village Attorney

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31 FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

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33 Council Member Ed Feller YES
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35 Council Member Howard Tendrich YES
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37 Council Member Shelley Stanczyk YES
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39 Vice-Mayor Brian W. Pariser YES
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41 Mayor Eugene P. Flinn, Jr. YES