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RESOLUTION NO. 2014-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES AND THE EVERGLADES COALITION IN THEIR EFFORTS TO URGE PROTECTIVE LEGISLATION CONCERNING WATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY; PROVIDING FOR DISTRIBUTION BY THE VILLAGE CLERK; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. [Sponsored by Mayor Shelley Stanczyk].

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Village Council desire to establish their legislative agenda items and to express their concerns as to State legislative items; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Village Council support the efforts of the Florida League of Cities and the Everglades Coalition as to legislation addressing water quality and quantity issues that affect the economies of local communities. Specifically, the Village wishes to support efforts to revitalize and protect Florida's springs, aquifers, surface waters and estuaries; and,

WHEREAS, Florida water policy has evolved significantly, as science and technical data have dramatically improved the ability to study Florida's groundwaters, surface waters, and the sources of pollution in these water bodies. The Florida Water Resources Act of 1972, Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, established a form of administrative water law that brought all waters of the state under regulatory control. The Act included provisions for (1) the establishment of a state water regulatory agency and five water management districts (WMDs) that, taken together, encompass the entire state; (2) water planning requirements and (3) a permit system administered by the WMDs regulating water use, well construction, and the storage and management of surface water; and,

WHEREAS, Florida faces a number of water quality and quantity challenges and problems. Pollution and excessive water usage threatens the quality and quantity of drinking water and marine life also suffers, which, in turn, damages Florida's economy, specifically waterfront communities that rely on fishing and, on a larger scale, communities that rely on Florida's most popular industry – tourism; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Palmetto Bay is supportive of legislation that seeks to make holistic and comprehensive water policy reform and protects Florida's water bodies.

WHEREAS, the Village of Palmetto Bay supports the Florida League of Cities and the Everglades Coalition in their efforts.

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

1 **Section 1.** The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified as true and correct and
2 are incorporated herein by this reference.
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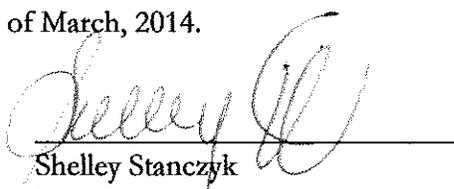
4 **Section 2.** The Village hereby files its support of the legislative priority of the Florida
5 League of Cities and the Everglades Coalition as it relates to water quality and quantity.
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7 **Section 3.** The Village Clerk shall provide executed copies of this resolution to the
8 Village's lobbyist, and to the Florida Legislature, the Mayor of Miami-Dade County, each member of
9 the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners, as well as each municipal clerk in Miami-Dade
10 County for the purpose of distributing copies to members of their respective governing councils.
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12 **Section 4.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.
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14 PASSED and ADOPTED this 3rd day of March, 2014.

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16 Attest: 
17 Meighan Alexander
18 Village Clerk
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Shelley Stanczyk
Mayor

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21 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE USE
22 AND RELIANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA ONLY:
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26 John R. Herin, Jr.
27 Interim Village Attorney
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31 FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

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33 Council Member Patrick Fiore YES
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35 Council Member Tim Schaffer YES
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37 Council Member Joan Lindsay YES
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39 Vice-Mayor John DuBois YES
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41 Mayor Shelley Stanczyk YES
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