

State Of Florida

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the greater Everglades ecosystem extends south from Orlando through the Chain of Lakes, the Kissimmee Valley, Lake Okeechobee, the remaining Everglades, and on to the waters of Florida Bay and the coral reefs; and

WHEREAS, the Everglades comprise the largest continuous stand of sawgrass prairie in North America, and provides the predominant water recharge area for all of South Florida through the Biscayne aquifer; and

WHEREAS, the Everglades are home to 23 endangered and threatened species and are the major boundary of the northern and southern limits for many species, creating a unique mingling of diverse temperate and subtropical species; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan will restore natural flows of water, water quality and more natural hydro-periods within the remaining natural areas, providing flood protection; and

WHEREAS, the success of the restoration of the Everglades resides with all of us, both public officials and the private citizens across Florida and our Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Earth Foundation, a public-private partnership composed of over 70 partners from federal, state, and local governments, universities, colleges, industry and nonprofit organizations was chartered to initiate, fund, and develop education, outreach and research programs and projects associated with Florida's beautiful natural resources, especially those encompassing ecosystem restoration initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Earth Foundation is committed to engaging core constituencies in order to enhance the Greater Everglades Ecosystem Restoration through the support of outreach, education and research, embracing the guiding principles of non-advocacy, partner engagement, resource pooling, gap filling and diversity in its programs and projects; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Earth Foundation provides opportunities for citizens and visitors to learn about the far-reaching aspects of Everglades restoration and how this affects life in South Florida, offering a myriad of natural resource educational programs and opportunities through in-house initiatives.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida do hereby acknowledge and support the efforts of the

FLORIDA EARTH FOUNDATION


and encourage all state and local governmental agencies, businesses and citizens of Florida to join in the efforts to help restore the Florida Everglades - America's Everglades.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Official Seal of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed in the City of Tallahassee this 23rd day of August, 2005.

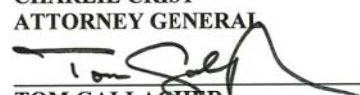




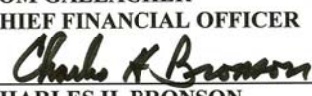
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