

RESOLUTION No. 08-97

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERDALE LAKES, BROWARD COUNTY, EXPRESSING THE SUPPORT FOR THE "STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES" ENTERED INTO AMONG GOVERNOR CHARLIE CRIST, THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND THE UNITED STATES SUGAR CORPORATION REGARDING THE PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF UP TO 187,000 ACRES OF LAND AND OTHER COMPANY ASSETS LOCATED IN THE EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA; PROVIDING FOR INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in June, 2008, Governor Charlie Crist, the South Florida Water Management District and the United States Sugar Corporation signed a "Statement of Principles" regarding the proposed acquisition of up to 187,000 acres of land and other company assets located in the Everglades Cultural Area, and

WHEREAS, the Statement of Principles provides a non-binding framework to acquire property for the protection of Florida's coastal estuaries and the restoration of the Everglades, and

WHEREAS, the parties will negotiate and execute a detailed purchase agreement, with a targeted closing date of November 30, 2008, and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the framework established by the Statement of Principles provides an opportunity to reestablish an historical connection between Lake Okeechobee and the remnant southern Everglades ecosystem through a massive, managed system of water storage and water quality treatment, and

WHEREAS, in addition, the implementation of the framework will allow for the delivery of clear water to the Everglades during dry times and greater water storage to protect the natural system during wet years; significantly reduce the potential for harmful

discharges from Lake Okeechobee to the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee rivers and estuaries; potentially prevent thousands of tons of phosphorus from entering the Everglades every year; eliminate the need for "back-pumping" water into Lake Okeechobee from the Everglades Agricultural Area to augment water supply needs, and provide additional water storage alternatives, relieving some pressures on the Herbert Hoover Dike while the federal government undertakes repairs, and

WHEREAS, the realization of the underlying purposes behind the Statement of Principles will be a boon to all of the residents of the State of Florida, as well as to the Nation, in general,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERDALE LAKES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. ADOPTION OF REPRESENTATIONS: The foregoing Whereas paragraphs are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT: The City Commission of the City of Lauderdale Lakes, Broward County, joined by the Honorable Samuel S. Brown, Mayor, hereby expresses its support for the Statement of Principles signed by Governor Charlie Crist, the South Florida Water Management District and the United States Sugar Corporation, regarding the proposed acquisition of up to 187,000 acres of land and other company assets located in the Everglades Agricultural Area.

Section 3. INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK: The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to provide true copies of this Resolution to the Honorable Governor Charlie Crist, the Speaker of the House of the Florida House of

Representatives, Marco Rubio, the President of the Florida Senate, Ken Pruitt, the Chair of the Board of the South Florida Water Management District, the Florida League of Cities, the Broward County League of Cities, the Chair of the Board of the United States Sugar Corporation, the Mayor and members of the Broward County Commission, as well as to the several towns, villages and cities of Broward County.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its final passage.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERDALE LAKES AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 23, 2008.


SAMUEL S. BROWN, MAYOR

ATTEST:


HAZELINE F. CARSON, CITY CLERK

