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Daniel O'Keefe, Chairman
Pete Antonacci, Executive Director
South Florida Water Management District
Gun Club Rd.
West Palm Beach, FL

Dear Chair O'Keefe and Mr. Antonacci:

On behalf of the Martin County Board of County Commissioners I would like to express our gratitude for your response to the Governor's Executive Orders No. 16-155 and No. 16-156 regarding the blue-green algae blooms.

We are especially grateful to you for the actions that have been taken to store additional water north of Lake Okeechobee in the Upper Kissimmee Chain of Lakes, expediting the implementation of Dispersed Water Management projects on privately-owned and publicly-owned lands, including water storage at the Florida Power & Light C-44 cooling pond, and emergency pumping at Bluefield Grove, Caulkins Citrus, and Sunrise Grove. Please extend our gratitude to the private entities that have allowed storage at their facilities.

We appreciate your swift response to pass Resolution No. 2016-0709, which authorized the Executive Director to procure commodities, equipment, and services needed to respond to our emergency in Martin County.

We also thank you for Resolution No. 2016-0710, which amended your FY2015-16 budget to recognize fund balance of \$2.6 million available to implement the Orders.

We will continue to work alongside the South Florida Water Management District and our state and federal partners to achieve comprehensive Everglades restoration and remain thankful to you for your efforts to provide assistance to the residents of Martin County during our water emergency.

Sincerely,

Anne Scott, Chair
Martin County Board of County Commissioners

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C: Honorable Members of the Martin County Legislative Delegation
Honorable Members of the Martin County Board of County Commissioners
Taryn Kryzda, County Administrator