



# PROCLAMATION

*Whereas, the South Florida Water Management District (District) recognizes and appreciates the unique relationship that has, over the course of many years, been established between the sovereign nation of the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the District;*

*Whereas, the District appreciates the leadership the Seminole Tribe of Florida in negotiating the landmark Water Rights Compact among the Seminole Tribe of Florida, the State of Florida and the South Florida Water Management District as well as the Criteria Manual, which has formed the basis of our relationship for more than two decades;*

*Whereas, the District appreciates the Seminole Tribe of Florida's continual efforts to advance resource protection and restoration of the Everglades ecosystem while maintaining the Seminole Tribe of Florida's economic sustainability;*

*Whereas, the Seminole Tribe of Florida has worked together with the District for the protection of the environment and natural resources for the well-being of all of Florida and by these efforts has demonstrated shared values in the management and protection of natural resources while maintaining sovereignty and Tribal right of self-determination;*

*Whereas, the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the District have developed a model partnering relationship that can be utilized in other areas of the country, as evidenced by numerous successes, including:*

- Execution of more than 25 Work Plans and numerous amendments*
- Development of the Wetland Criteria Manual*
- Development of a Right of Way Agreement*
- Construction and Operation of SFWMD water resource projects on Tribal land*
- Development of water supply plans, permits and shortages; and*

*In testimony thereof, the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District hereunto proclaims that the South Florida Water Management District extends its great appreciation to the Seminole Tribe of Florida for their contributions on this 9th day of February, 2012.*

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Joe Collins  
Chairman, Governing Board  
South Florida Water Management District

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