



# Town Council Agenda Report

**SUBJECT:** Resolution

**TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM:** A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THAT EVERGLADES RESTORATION IS A PRIORITY; URGING GOVERNOR BUSH AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO REMAIN DEDICATED TO THE RESTORATION; AND REQUESTING THAT THE EVERGLADES RESTORATION ACT/RESTUDY FUNDING BE A PRIORITY FOR THE 2000 LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

**REPORT IN BRIEF:** The Broward County Commission approved a similar resolution on October 26, 1999 and has asked the Town of Davie to approve the resolution in order to show a unified lobbying effort in Tallahassee.

**PREVIOUS ACTIONS:** Not applicable

**CONCURRENCES:** Not applicable

**FISCAL IMPACT:** no

**RECOMMENDATION(S):** Motion to approve resolution

**Attachment(s):** Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THAT EVERGLADES RESTORATION IS A PRIORITY; URGING GOVERNOR BUSH AND THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO REMAIN DEDICATED TO THE RESTORATION; AND REQUESTING THAT THE EVERGLADES RESTORATION ACT/RESTUDY FUNDING BE A PRIORITY FOR THE 2000 LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

WHEREAS, the Florida Everglades is a vital part of Florida's heritage and is recognized nationally and internationally as one of the world's most significant but imperiled ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the economic and environmental sustainability of South Florida is dependent upon a healthy Everglades ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida's economic health is dependent upon finding a balance in meeting the needs of the urban, agricultural and natural areas; and

WHEREAS, adequate water supplies for five million residents are dependent upon restoration of the Everglades; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), federal, state and local governments have devoted great amounts of money, time and energy to developing a Comprehensive Plan to Restore the Everglades, also known as the Restudy; and

WHEREAS, the Restudy will improve South Florida's natural resources, enhance water supply, enrich the quality of life and maintain the economy and is the key to a sustainable South Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Restudy is expected to cost eight billion dollars and the Water Resources Development Act mandates a 50/50 cost sharing between the State of Florida and Congress; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida share is estimated to be \$200 million per year for twenty years; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the WRDA of 1996, the Restudy was presented to Congress on July 1, 1999; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the Restudy is at a decisive point where State legislation is a key to moving restoration forward; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Florida recently announced that State legislation intended to fund and implement the Restudy would henceforth be entitled the Everglades Restoration Act; and

WHEREAS, the upcoming Florida Legislature is expected to adopt legislation to meet the State's financial responsibility to fund the Everglades Restoration Act, a decision that will significantly impact the taxpayers and environment of South Florida for decades; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Davie has determined that Everglades Restoration is a priority and important to the future of the Town of Davie.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the Town Council of the Town of Davie urges Governor Bush and the Florida Legislature to remain dedicated to the restoration of the Florida Everglades and

SECTION 2. The Town Council of the Town of Davie urges Governor Bush and the Florida Legislature to fully fund the State's financial responsibilities for Everglades Restoration.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 1999

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MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST:

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TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 1999