



EVERGLADES COALITION

Everglades Coalition Resolution of Appreciation for Shannon Estenoz

WHEREAS, Shannon Estenoz has worked for decades to protect and restore the Greater Everglades;

WHEREAS, her distinguished conservation career includes three terms as National Co-Chair of the Everglades Coalition and working for conservation nonprofits including the Environmental and Land Use Law Center (now Everglades Law Center), World Wildlife Fund, National Parks Conservation Association, and the Everglades Foundation;

WHEREAS, she was appointed to leadership positions by three Florida Governors, including by Governor Lawton Chiles to the Commission for a Sustainable South Florida, Governor Jeb Bush to the Commission for the Everglades, and Governor Charlie Crist to the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District, where she worked to facilitate the District purchasing 27,000 acres of land for conservation and restoration in the Everglades Agricultural Area;

WHEREAS, Ms. Estenoz was appointed by U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Ken Salazar to serve as DOI Director of Everglades Restoration Initiatives, where she played a pivotal leadership role in advancing critical conservation and restoration efforts including planning and authorization of the Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP), partnering with the State of Florida to secure \$90M to construct the 2.6-mile bridge on Tamiami Trail to allow water to flow into Everglades National Park and finding new ways to combat the spread of invasive exotic species proactively;

WHEREAS, she was appointed by President Joe Biden to serve as Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks at the U.S. Department of the Interior, where she continued to champion conservation and restoration efforts in Florida and nationwide; she was subsequently nominated by President Joe Biden to serve as Deputy Secretary of the Interior, was voted positively out of committee, despite not reaching the Senate floor for a final vote;

WHEREAS, the Biden Administration achieved historic success in advancing Everglades conservation and restoration including an unprecedented investment of over \$1B in the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and advancing meaningful landscape-scale conservation through the creation of the 4 million-acre Everglades to Gulf Conservation Area;

WHEREAS, throughout her career Ms. Estenoz has been a role model and friend to many members of the Everglades Coalition, setting the standard for integrity, ingenuity, thoughtfulness, passion, and equity while working with the broad, bipartisan, and diverse stakeholders that make up Florida's environmental community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED ON JANUARY 31ST 2025:

The Everglades Coalition, composed of 57 conservation organizations committed to the protection and restoration of the Greater Everglades, extends heartfelt appreciation to Shannon Estenoz for her tremendous contributions and dedicated leadership for America's Everglades over her illustrious career.

Mark Perry, Co-Chair

Kelly Cox, Co-Chair

The Everglades Coalition is a 501(c)3 alliance of local, state, and national conservation organizations dedicated to the full protection and restoration of America's Everglades.