

THE EVERGLADES COALITION

RESOLUTION

July 21, 2004

Whereas the Everglades Coalition has passed resolutions calling for the designation of the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) as an Area of Critical State Concern and urging the buyout of lands in the EAA as they go out of agricultural production; and

Whereas several developments have recently been proposed in or around the eastern edge of the EAA;

Now wherefore, for the protection of the Everglades and Lake Okeechobee, be it resolved that the Everglades Coalition calls for the Palm Beach and Hendry County Commissions to impose and the Florida Department of Community Affairs, the Florida Administration Commission and Governor Bush to support a moratorium on land use changes or development approvals in the EAA until it is conclusively determined that individually or cumulatively, such land use changes or development will not negatively impact restoration of the Everglades or Lake Okeechobee.