

RESOLUTION NO. 13 – 2192

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA (“TOWN”); ENDORSING AND ENCOURAGING SUPPORT OF THE FLORIDA WATER AND LAND CONSERVATION AMENDMENT, WHICH WOULD DEDICATE FUNDS TO ACQUIRE AND RESTORE FLORIDA CONSERVATION AND RECREATION LANDS; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, protection of the quality and quantity of Florida’s drinking water sources is a primary responsibility of our state; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida is known for beautiful rivers, lakes, streams, spring sheds, wetlands, forests, wildlife habitat and beaches and shores, and these natural assets are central to our quality of life and economic vitality; and

**WHEREAS**, outdoor recreation in Florida represents a \$38 billion annual industry, employing 329,000 people, and over 6.4 million people annually hunt, fish, or view wildlife in our state; and

**WHEREAS**, restoration of the Florida Everglades is the most comprehensive ecological restoration in the world’s history, and impacts the drinking water of a large portion of Florida’s residents; and

**WHEREAS**, our state has a longstanding commitment to protection of outdoor recreation lands, including recreational trails, parks, and urban open space; rural landscapes; working farms and ranches; historic and geologic sites; and

**WHEREAS**, for 19 years, with bi-partisan support of every governor and legislature that served from 1990 through 2008, Preservation 2000 and Florida Forever were funded annually at \$300 million per year; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida Forever has not received significant, sustained, or predictable funding since 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, Article II Section 7 of the Florida Constitution states, "It shall be the policy of the state to conserve and protect its natural resources and scenic beauty," and yet since 2009 funding for land conservation, management, and restoration, including Florida Forever has been cut drastically; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida Cities and Counties have benefited from state land conservation, management, and restoration programs, including Preservation 2000 and Florida Forever; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida Cities and Counties have benefited directly by receiving grants from state land conservation, management, and restoration programs, including the Florida Communities Trust, Florida Recreation Development Assistance Grants (FRDAP), the Florida Historic Preservation grants, and the Florida Greenways and Trails program; and

**WHEREAS**, acquisition, management, restoration of natural systems, and the enhancement of public access or recreational enjoyment of conservation lands requires a sustainable, dedicated source of state funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the documentary stamp tax has been the historic source of state funding for conservation and recreation in Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the Water and land Conservation amendment will dedicate less than 1 percent of the budget of the State of Florida to protecting Florida's water and land, without increasing taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, 82 of 100 Florida city and county land conservation ballot measures have been approved since 1988 by voters throughout the state, including almost every major urban county, many by overwhelming margins in excess of 70 percent, and an average of 63 percent.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Recitals Adopted.** That each of the above stated recitals are hereby adopted, confirmed, and incorporated herein.

**Section 2. Support by the Town of Surfside Town Commission.** The Town Commission hereby endorses the Florida Water and Land Conservation Amendment and encourages support of this Amendment by the Florida League of Cities, Florida Association of Counties, and other organizations that seek to enhance the quality of life throughout the state of Florida.

**Section 3. Authorization and Approval.** The Town Commission authorizes and approves the Town Manager and/or his designee to take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution.

**Section 4. Direction to the Town Clerk.** The Town Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Florida League of Cities, Florida Association of Counties, and any other local government agency that may request the same.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 8th day of October 2013.

Motion by <sup>Vice Mayor</sup> ~~Commissioner~~ Karukin, second by Commissioner Oldhy K.

**FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION**

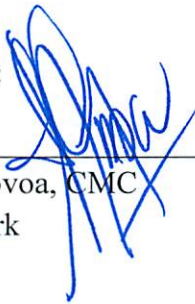
Commissioner Joseph Graubart  
Commissioner Michelle Kligman  
Commissioner Marta Olchyk  
Vice Mayor Michael Karukin  
Mayor Daniel Dietch

yes  
yes  
yes  
yes  
yes



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Daniel Dietch, Mayor

**ATTEST:**



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Sandra Novoa, CMC  
Town Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:**



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Linda Miller, Town Attorney