



RESOLUTION # 2012-37

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI SUPPORTING THE CENTRAL EVERGLADES PLANNING PROJECT FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE CENTRAL EVERGLADES; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Greater Everglades Ecosystem is a globally imperiled habitat and the primary source of drinking water for the City of West Miami; and

WHEREAS, Everglades National Park is critical to South Florida's tourism, with nearly a million visitors each year; 30 percent of whom are from outside the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Everglades ecosystem has continued to decline in the face of restoration delays and an expedited solution is needed to increase the quality, quantity, timing and distribution of freshwater flows into the central Everglades, Everglades National Park, and Florida and Biscayne Bays; and

WHEREAS, increased deliveries of water south of Lake Okeechobee will reduce damaging discharges to the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie estuaries; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) is to significantly reduce planning times and deliver a finalized plan for a suite of restoration projects in the central Everglades within 18 months,

WHEREAS, full support and funding by the State of Florida and the U.S. Congress is needed to implement this project that will protect regional water supply, create much needed jobs and strengthen the local economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City of West Miami supports the completion of a Project Implementation Report (PIR) by the South Florida Water Management District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers through the CEPP by May 2013 that addresses key obstacles for restoring freshwater flows and implements meaningful ecological and economic benefits toward restoring America's Everglades.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of September 2012.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



ANNERY GONZALEZ, CITY CLERK



EDUARDO H. MUÑINA, MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND SUFFICIENCY:



JOSE A. VILLALOBOS, CITY ATTORNEY

ROLL CALL VOTE:

MAYOR EDUARDO H. MUÑINA	<u>Y</u>
VICE-MAYOR LUCIANO L. SUAREZ	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER CANDIDA BLANCA	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER JUAN M. BLANES	<u>Y</u>
COMMISSIONER ELSA J. VAZQUEZ	<u>Y</u>