

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2254.12

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE CENTRAL EVERGLADES PLANNING PROJECT FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE CENTRAL EVERGLADES; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Greater Everglades Ecosystem is a globally imperiled habitat and the primary source of drinking water for the Town of Golden Beach; 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, time 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; and

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 TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals Adopted. That each of the above-stated recitals is hereby adopted and confirmed.

Section 2. That the Town of Golden Beach 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. Effective Date. That this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Sponsored by the Administration.

The Motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution was offered by Councilmember Lusskin, seconded by Councilmember Einstein and on roll call the following vote ensued:

Mayor Glenn Singer	<u>Absent</u>
Vice Mayor Amy Isackson-Rojas	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Bernard Einstein	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Judy Lusskin	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Kenneth Bernstein	<u>Aye</u>

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Golden Beach, Florida, this 21st day of August, 2012.

ATTEST:

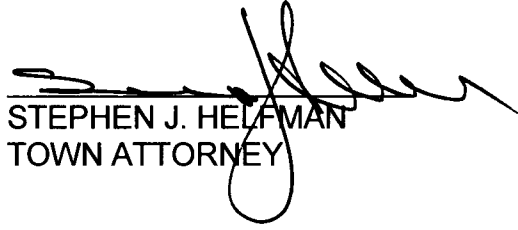


LISSETTE PEREZ
TOWN CLERK



MAYOR GLENN SINGER

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



STEPHEN J. HELFMAN
TOWN ATTORNEY