

**SWFRPC RESOLUTION #2008-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL REGARDING LAND PROCUREMENT IN GLADES COUNTY BY THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND THE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and South Florida Water Management District either singularly or jointly have purchased lands worth more than \$61 million in Glades County; and

**WHEREAS**, now 1,775 acres has been purchased for approximately \$35 million; and

**WHEREAS**, Glades County, Florida is a rural, agriculture area, recognized as a Rural Area of Economic Concern; and

**WHEREAS**, Glades County lands continue to be bought by State and Federal entities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Glades County economic and revenue base has been greatly eroded because of these events; and

**WHEREAS**, the combined events of the above will have a devastating effect on the County's future economy and well-being; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council:

For fair and just compensation in the form of payment in lieu of tax for lands purchased by the South Florida Water Management District and the US Army Corps of Engineers be paid in perpetuity and be based on a fair and reasonable evaluation of the purposes for which property is purchased.

Procurement of future lands in Glades County by the South Florida Water Management District and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers proceeds only after alternative studies have been completed to determine if other land could be used just as effectively.

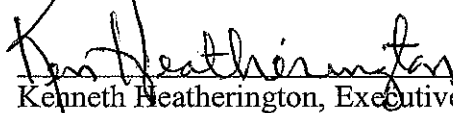
To the extent possible, avoid further purchases and have a detailed dialogue with the Board of County Commissioners prior to any future proposed purchases of lands that are on the County tax rolls.

**PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED BY THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL this 21st day of February, 2008.**

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

  
Andrea Messina, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Kenneth Heatherington, Executive Director

