

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-09

**A RESOLUTION OF THE LOXHATCHEE RIVER DISTRICT
DECLARING ITS SUPPORT OF THE LOXAHATCHEE
RIVER PRESERVATION INITIATIVE'S EFFORTS TO
RESTORE AND PRESERVE THE LOXAHATCHEE RIVER
AND RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE STATE OF
FLORIDA'S SUPPORT OF THE INITIATIVE'S FY 2006
FUNDING REQUEST.**

WHEREAS, the Loxahatchee River and its tributaries drain over 270 square miles of both Palm Beach and Martin Counties; and

WHEREAS, although the Loxahatchee River has been given protective status of an Outstanding Florida Water Body, it remains impacted; and

WHEREAS, development in the region has altered the natural state of much of the river and water quality concerns are widespread; and

WHEREAS, stormwater runoff from urban and agricultural areas threaten the long-term viability of the once pristine estuary; and

WHEREAS, sediment build-up, muck and other pollutants presently jeopardize the sustainability of the river's underwater and shoreline ecological habitats; and

WHEREAS, even though the Loxahatchee River was the first nationally designated "wild and scenic river" in the State of Florida, comparably little attention is given towards support of local programs aimed at protecting and restoring the treasured resource; and

WHEREAS, the Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative is comprised of a vast consortium of public agencies, public interest groups and concerned citizens who are all dedicated to the restoration and enhancement of the Loxahatchee River System; and

WHEREAS, the Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative has pursued state legislative funding to support the construction of water quality improvement projects throughout the river basin.

WHEREAS, through the efforts of the local legislative delegation, \$9.6 million has been

appropriated within the state budget to assist the Initiative since FY 2002; and

WHEREAS, many more water quality projects remain to be completed in FY 2006; therefore, the Initiative is again requesting the support of the State of Florida and the United States Federal Government.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Governing Board of the Loxahatchee River District of Jupiter, Florida:

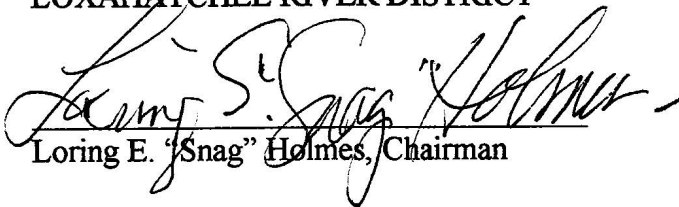
Section 1. The Chairman and Governing Board of the Loxahatchee River District hereby notifies the members of the Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative of its continued support in its efforts to restore and preserve the Loxahatchee River and respectfully requests the State of Florida's support of the Initiative's FY 2006 Funding Request.

Section 2. The Executive Director is directed to transmit this Resolution to the Loxahatchee River Preservation Initiative, the local state and federal legislative delegation and to the office of the Governor of the State of Florida.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

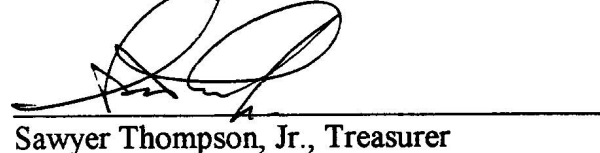
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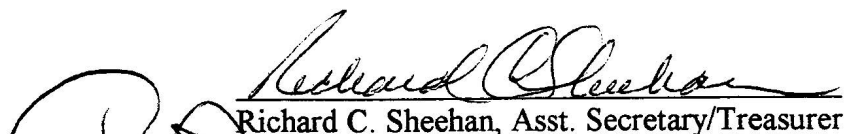
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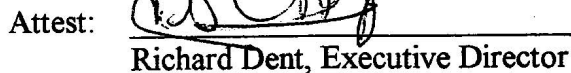

Loring E. "Snag" Holmes, Chairman


Paul J. Whalen, Vice-Chairman


Joseph O. Ellis, Secretary


Sawyer Thompson, Jr., Treasurer


Richard C. Sheehan, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer

Attest: 
Richard Dent, Executive Director