RESOLUTION NO.: 743

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT, OF MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING CURRENT STRUCTURE OF REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, water is vital to our life, health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, adequate and properly managed water resources are essential to both our economy and environment; and

WHEREAS, the water management districts were established in Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, to manage water on a regional basis, to be overseen by governing boards comprised of lay citizens within the districts and appointed by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, strongly discourages the transfer of water resources across water management districts or county boundaries; and

WHEREAS, in Florida, our water resources belong to the public and all its citizens; it is not a commodity that can be bought and sold; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT, OF MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA:

(1) Supports the water management structure and functions as delineated in Chapter 373, Florida Statutes;

(2) Supports adequate funding for the water management districts, such that they may accomplish their lawful missions of managing and protecting regional and local water resources;

(3) Opposes the centralization, command and control of our regional and local water resources within the executive and/or legislative branches of government, or by a statewide board or authority; and

(4) Opposes any effort to transfer rightful public ownership of water resources to ownership or total control by private interests.

WHEREAS, on the <u>13</u> day of December 2011, the Town Commission considered this Resolution and approved the same in public session.

Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

JACQUI THURLOW-LIPPISCH, MAYOR	<u>AYE</u>	NAY
PAUL SCHOPPE, VICE MAYOR		
THOMAS BAUSCH, Commissioner		-
PAM BUSHA, Commissioner		-
PAUL LUGER, Commissioner		

TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT, FLORIDA

Robert Kellogg, Town Manager

ATTEST:

Ann-Marie S. Basler, Town Clerk

(TOWN SEAL)

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Approved as to form and legal sufficiency