

**RESOLUTION NO. 807**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT, MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA , REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA MOVE FORWARD WITH THE ACQUISITION OF THE 46,000 ACRE US SUGAR PROPERTY.**

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Everglades and its associated estuaries is an internationally unique ecosystem, a national treasure, and a significant economic driver for Florida's economy;

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Florida and Martin County, in overwhelming majority, voted to support the Florida Water and Land Conservation Initiative, Amendment 1; and

**WHEREAS**, the acquisition of the 46,000 acre US Sugar property, which was included as part of the option lands available under the 2008 "River of Grass" plan between US Sugar and The South Florida Water Management District, embodies the intent of Amendment 1; and

**WHEREAS**, acquisition of these key parcels increases water storage capacity; reduces harmful freshwater discharges from Lake Okeechobee; improves the delivery of cleaner water to the Everglades; protects water supply interests; and supports a healthier ecological environment for Lake Okeechobee and the associated estuaries;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Town of Sewall's Point, Martin County, Florida, that the Town Commission urges Governor Scott, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and the South Florida Water Management District to support the remaining option to acquire the 46,000 acre US Sugar land option as part of the Everglades Restoration and to promote the health of Lake Okeechobee and the associated estuaries.

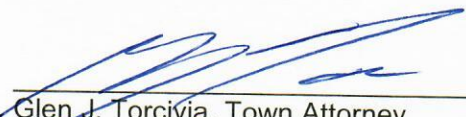
**DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED** at the regular meeting this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT, FLORIDA

  
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Paul Luger, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Lakisha Q. Burch, Town Clerk

  
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Glen J. Torcivia, Town Attorney  
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Approved as to form and legal sufficiency