



RESOLUTION NO. 843

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING SENTATE BILL 10 AND HOUSE BILL 761 RELATING TO WATER RESOURCES; REVISING THE STATE BOND REQUIREMENT FOR LAND ACQUISITION, INCREASING THE MINIMUM ANNUAL FUNDING FOR CERTAIN EVERGLADES PROJECTS, AND REQUIRING THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO SEEK PROPOSALS FROM WILLING SELLERS OF PROPERTY WITH THE EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA FOR LAND THAT IS SUITABLE FOR THE RESERVOIR PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the Town of Sewall's Point Town Commission believes that State acquisition of agricultural lands south of Lake Okeechobee is necessary, expedient public endeavor, which will provide for water treatment and retention while reducing the need for freshwater discharges into the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Estuaries; and

WHEREAS, an independent University of Florida study commissioned by the Florida Senate in 2014 concluded that acquiring between 11,000 and 129,000 acres of additional water storage, treatment, and conveyance south of Lake Okeechobee would provide a maximum benefit to the estuaries and the Everglades; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Sewall's Point is surrounded by water and the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Town of Sewall's Point is a top priority for the Town Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Sewall's Point Town Commons had to be closed last summer due to toxic blue-green algae discharged from Lake Okeechobee into the St. Lucie River; and

WHEREAS, the lands identified for purchase and acquisition for water retention and conveyance purposes includes U.S. Sugar options lands and those of additional willing sellers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT, FLORIDA, THAT:

SECTION 1: The foregoing precatory language is adopted as if set forth below.

SECTION 2: The Town of Sewall's Point, Florida supports Senate Bill 10 and House Bill 761 relating to water resources; revising the State board requirements for land acquisitions, increasing the minimum annual funding for certain everglades projects, and requiring the south Florida Water Management District to seek proposals from willing sellers of property within the Everglades Agricultural Area for land that is suitable for the reservoir project.

SECTION 3: This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT, FLORIDA

James W. Campo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lakisha Q. Burch, Town Clerk

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