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October 15, 2009

The Honorable Governor Charlie Crist  
Office of the Governor  
State of Florida, The Capital  
400 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

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Dear Governor Crist,

Indian Trail Improvement District Board of Supervisors approved Resolution 2009-10 at the September 9, 2009 Meeting. This Resolution supports the petition for Rule-Making to amend Florida Water Quality Standards by revising existing water body classifications to provide new and more appropriate beneficial uses and use expectations. I enclosed a copy of the Resolution for your records.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Allison J. Fay  
Assistant to the District Administrator

**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-10**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE INDIAN TRAIL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE PETITION FOR RULE-MAKING TO AMEND FLORIDA WATER QUALITY STANDARDS BY REVISING EXISTING WATER BODY CLASSIFICATIONS TO PROVIDE NEW AND MORE APPROPRIATE BENEFICIAL USES AND USE EXPECTATIONS, FILED BY THE FLORIDA STORMWATER ASSOCIATION, INC., WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, all surface waters of the State of Florida, including fresh, marine, wetland, flowing or intermittent, natural or manmade, pristine or impacted, are classified by only five (5) Designated Uses; and

**WHEREAS**, the existing water body classification system was created in 1968 and has not been amended since; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection recognized in a report filed with the Florida Legislature in February 2005 that the current water body classification system, developed to address point source pollution, is too narrow to apply to the wide variety of water bodies existing throughout the State of Florida, the natural conditions of which fluctuate over time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Deputy Secretary for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection stated in an April 2007 Letter to the Media that it is crucial that the water body classification system accurately reflect the actual purpose of each water body; and

**WHEREAS**, the success of the Total Maximum Daily Loads ("TMDL") program, which utilizes water quality standards to determine water body impairment, depends upon appropriate use designations and expectations of water bodies; and

**WHEREAS**, the present water body classification system is ineffective to accurately measure water quality such that some water bodies have been mistakenly classified as impaired, leading to the adoption of unnecessary TMDLs and the diversion of limited resources from urgent water quality problems; and

**WHEREAS**, the costs to local governments statewide to implement the TMDL program are estimated to be approximately \$50 billion; and

**WHEREAS**, in this time of great economic hardship, tax revenue must be used in the most efficient and effective manner; and

**WHEREAS**, the Designated Uses and Classification Refinement Policy Advisory Committee ("PAC"), an expert policy advisory committee, was previously convened by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection study and make recommendations regarding the water body classification system; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2007 the PAC developed a proposed water body classification system, combining Beneficial Use Designations and Beneficial Use Expectations, which comprise the goals and expectations to be attained in each water body and provide a basis for deriving water quality criteria and other protections to maintain each Beneficial Use; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed water body classification system consists of seven Human Use Designations and four Aquatic Life Use Designations as well as corresponding Beneficial Use Expectations; and

**WHEREAS**, this classification system adequately addresses the goals and concerns expressed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Stormwater Association, Inc., has filed with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection its Petition for Rule-Making to Amend Florida Water Quality Standards by Revising Existing Water Body Classifications to Provide New and More Appropriate Beneficial Uses and Use Expectations, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE INDIAN TRAIL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The Indian Trail Improvement District supports the Petition for Rule-Making to Amend Florida Water Quality Standards by Revising Existing Water Body Classifications to Provide New and More Appropriate Beneficial Uses and Use Expectations, filed by the Florida Stormwater Association with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

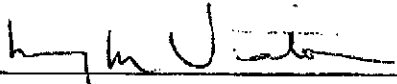
**Section 2.** The Indian Trail Improvement District urges the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to establish a water body classification system similar to the proposed water body classification system outlined in the Petition for Rule-Making.

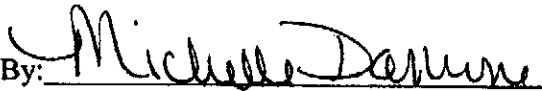
**Section 3.** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**THIS RESOLUTION PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2009.**

**INDIAN TRAIL IMPROVEMENT  
DISTRICT**

ATTEST:

By:   
Secretary

By:   
President

(DISTRICT SEAL)