

**A RESOLUTION
OF THE
SOUTH FLORIDA ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION TASK FORCE**

WHEREAS, the United States Congress authorized the Modified Water Deliveries Project in 1989 as part of the Everglades Expansion Act; and

WHEREAS, Everglades National Park has successfully acquired 109,000 acres of land including the donation of 40,000 acres by the State of Florida for the park expansion; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has completed construction of the majority of the MWD features including the S355s, S356, raising Tigertail Camp; and the completion of the 8.5 square mile area is scheduled for January 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Modified Water Deliveries project was assumed to be completed when the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) was formulated and the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 requires completion prior to implementation of the Water Conservation Area 3 Decompartmentalization and Central Lakebelt Storage projects of CERP; and

WHEREAS, the improvements to Tamiami Trail are essential to restoring more natural flows in Water Conservation Areas 3A, 3B and ENP; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has initiated a Limited Reevaluation Report for completion of the Tamiami Trail portion of the Modified Water Deliveries Project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force supports the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in its Limited Reevaluation Report development, in accordance with the Joint Conference Committee for the Water Resources Development Act of 2007, and urges expeditious completion of the modifications to Tamiami Trail to improve more natural flows to Everglades National Park.