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## **Everglades Coalition**

Resolution Supporting the Authorization of the Everglades Agricultural Area Reservoir/Central Everglades Project Post Authorization Change Report in the 2018 Water Resources Development Act

**WHEREAS**, the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Reservoir is included as part of the Post Authorization Change Report (PACR) to the Central Everglades Project (CEP), a Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) project, and

**WHEREAS**, the EAA Reservoir is intended to help reduce high volume damaging discharges from Lake Okeechobee to the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie estuaries, and send clean water south to Everglades National Park and Florida Bay, and

**WHEREAS**, since June 2, 2018, high volume releases from Lake Okeechobee and inlake harmful cyanobacteria algae blooms have triggered ecological harm in both the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie estuaries, including toxic algae blooms, and

**WHEREAS**, the federal Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) authorizes water resource related projects, including CERP projects, and

**WHEREAS**, a 2018 WRDA has been passed by the U.S. House of Representatives with placeholder language for the EAA Reservoir/CEP PACR, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Senate will be considering the 2018 WRDA, and

**WHEREAS**, the EAA Reservoir/CEP PACR is subject to and will continue to proceed through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other State and Federal review processes that include opportunities for public participation and input, after authorization in the 2018 WRDA,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Everglades Coalition, with its 62 member organizations committed to the protection and restoration of America's Everglades supports the authorization of the EAA Reservoir/CEP PACR in the 2018 Water Resources Development Act to reduce high volume damaging discharges to the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie estuaries and send clean water south to Everglades National Park and Florida Bay.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of July, 2018.

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