RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE EVERGLADES COALITION URGING THE MIAMI-DADE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO OPPOSE ANY EXTENSION TO THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT BOUNDARY AT THE PRESENT TIME, AND TO ENCOURAGE ADHERENCE TO THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN AS CURRENTLY ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, recognizes that the Everglades and neighboring communities are impacted significantly by Miami-Dade County’s Planning, Zoning, and County Comprehensive Development Master Plan (CDMP) policy; and

WHEREAS, the Everglades Coalition is aware that Miami-Dade County is under increasing pressure to extend the Urban Development Boundary (UDB) further south and west, in order to allow greater, and sometimes more intense, development activity to occur; and

WHEREAS, the extension of the UDB at this time is premature and will have significant negative impacts in Miami-Dade County, including increased traffic, inadequately funded or unfunded increased costs for the provision of potable water, wastewater, storm water, schools, parks and open space, and county and municipal services, including police, fire, and social services; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is enduring a multi-year drought and related water shortages impacting the existing community and complicating Everglades Restoration which could be further complicated with additional loss of open space, agricultural areas, and wetlands for aquifer recharge;

NOW THEREFORE, the Everglades Coalition resolves and opposes any change to the Urban Development Boundary at this time, and urges Miami-Dade County to do the same, for the reasons outlined above.

BE IT SO RESOLVED, on March 31, 2008

Sara Fain
National Co-Chair

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State Co-Chair