



Everglades Coalition

RESOLUTION

1000 Friends of Florida
Arthur R. Marshall Foundation
Audubon of Florida
Audubon of Southwest Florida
Audubon Society of the Everglades
Broward County Audubon Society
Caloosahatche River Citizens
Association
Clean Water Action
Clean Water Network
Collier County Audubon Society
The Conservancy of Southwest
Florida
Defenders of Wildlife
Earthjustice
Everglades Law Center
The Environmental Coalition
Everglades Coordinating Council
Environment Florida
Florida Defenders of the
Environment
Florida Division of the Izaak
Walton League of America
Florida Keys Chapter of the Izaak
Walton League of America
Florida Keys Environmental Fund
Florida Native Plant Society
Florida Oceanographic Society
Florida Sierra Club
Florida Wildlife Federation
Friends of the Everglades
Izaak Walton League of America
Last Stand
League of Woman Voters of Florida
Loxahatchee River Coalition
Mangrove Chapter of the Izaak
Walton League of America
Martin County Conservation
Alliance
National Audubon Society
National Parks Conservation
Association
National Wildlife Federation
Natural Resources Defense Council
The Ocean Conservancy
The Pegasus Foundation
Sanibel-Captiva Conservation
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Sierra Club
Sierra Club Broward Group
Sierra Club Loxahatchee Group
Sierra Club Miami Group
Tropical Audubon Society
The Urban Environment League
World Wildlife Fund

WHEREAS, in 2007 a blue-green algae bloom occurred in every basin in central, southern, and southwestern Florida Bay

WHEREAS, the present algae bloom likely covered 300 square miles of Florida Bay at one time

WHEREAS, algae blooms in Florida Bay have become persistent and reoccurring, and thus pose a threat to the Bay seagrass, fish, and invertebrate communities

WHEREAS, the Florida Keys supports a substantial and economically significant fishing industry, which depends on the health of the Bay

WHEREAS, Florida Bay is an integral part of the Everglades ecosystem

NOW, THEREFORE, the Everglades Coalition resolves to

1. Join the angling and conservation groups in calling on Governor Crist to visit Florida Bay and view the current algae bloom in order to provide the leadership needed to work toward avoiding future blooms of this magnitude.
2. Support the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board's offer to host a workshop to address Florida Bay's health and the opportunities to remedy it.

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