

**CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION 2007-68**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT'S RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS NECESSARY TO BRING THE HERBERT HOOVER DIKE INTO COMPLIANCE WITH CURRENT LEVEE PROTECTION SAFETY STANDARDS AND TO EXPEDITE FUNDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH PROMPT ENACTMENT OF THE ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS BILL OR SOME OTHER MECHANISM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Governing Board (the "Board") of the South Florida Water Management District has adopted a resolution requesting the United States Congress to appropriate funds necessary to bring the Herbert Hoover dike into compliance with current levee protection safety standards and to expedite funding for the improvements through prompt enactment of the energy and water appropriations bill or some other mechanism; and

WHEREAS, the Board's resolution further requests that local governments enact resolutions supporting the Board's resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Marathon, Florida wishes to support the Board's request to the United States Congress.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.

Section 2. The City of Marathon, Florida supports the South Florida Water Management District's resolution requesting the United States Congress to appropriate funds necessary to bring the Herbert Hoover dike into compliance with current levee protection safety standards and to expedite funding for the improvements through prompt enactment of the energy and water appropriations bill or some other mechanism, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

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

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Marathon, Florida, this 8th day of May, 2007.


THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA



Christopher M. Bull, Mayor

AYES: Cinque, Tempest, Vasil, Bull
NOES: None
ABSENT: Worthington
ABSTAIN: None


ATTEST:



Diane Clavier
City Clerk

(City Seal)

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA ONLY:



City Attorney

1 SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
2 RESOLUTION NO. 2007 _____
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4 A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH
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8 CURRENT LEVEE PROTECTION SAFETY STANDARDS AND TO
9 EXPEDITE FUNDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH PROMPT
10 ENACTMENT OF THE ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS BILL
11 OR SOME OTHER MECHANISM; REQUESTING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
12 TO ENACT RESOLUTIONS SUPPORTING THESE REQUESTS;
13 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (George Horne, ext. 6594)
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15 **WHEREAS**, Lake Okeechobee was impacted by four hurricanes during the 2004
16 and 2005 hurricane seasons; and

17 **WHEREAS**, subsequently, at the request of local community leaders, the
18 Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District commissioned an
19 independent, expert review panel to evaluate all U.S. Army Corps of Engineers documents
20 concerning the structural integrity of the 140 mile-long Herbert Hoover Dike surrounding
21 Lake Okeechobee; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the report found that the dike does not meet current levee protection
23 safety standards; and

24 **WHEREAS**, the failure of the dike poses a clear and imminent threat of catastrophic
25 proportion to the communities surrounding Lake Okeechobee; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the dike was not built to current levee engineering standards and
27 therefore needs expedited Congressional appropriations to be brought into compliance
28 with such standards;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT:

Section 1. The Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District hereby requests the Congress of the United States to appropriate funds necessary to bring the Herbert Hoover Dike into compliance with current levee protection safety standards and to expedite funding for the improvements through prompt enactment of the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill or some other mechanism.

Section 2. The Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District hereby encourages South Florida local governments to enact resolutions supporting the actions requested herein.

Section 3. Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 2007.

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, BY ITS GOVERNING BOARD

By: _____
Chair

ATTEST:

District Clerk

Approved as to form:

(District Seal)

BY: _____
Office of Counsel