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**CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION 2008-176**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT'S PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO MANDATORY YEAR-ROUND LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION CONSERVATION MEASURES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, an adequate and reliable supply of water is essential to Florida's environment, economy and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, population growth and high per-capita water use are creating greater demands on traditional water sources that are outpacing the natural recharge of those traditional sources; and

WHEREAS, water needs to be used wisely and efficiently; and

WHEREAS, average per capita water use in South Florida is 179 gallons per person per day – the highest in the state; and

WHEREAS, outdoor irrigation can account for up to 50 percent of water use in Florida, and up to 50 percent of the water applied to lawns may be lost to evapotranspiration and runoff; and

WHEREAS, lawns can remain healthy with 2-day-a-week watering and may not need supplemental irrigation during the wet season, from June through October, when there is ample rain; and

WHEREAS, irrigating more than 2 days per week is not efficient use of our valuable water resources; and

WHEREAS, water conservation can cost as little as 6 cents to 72 cents per 1,000 gallons of water saved and reduces the usage chemicals and energy needed to produce the water; and

WHEREAS, water conservation, including 2-day-a-week watering measures, is far less expensive for utilities than building alternative water supply facilities.

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 Council does hereby support the common sense water-use measures contained within the South Florida Water Management District's proposed year-round water conservation measure.

Section 3. The City Council hereby affirms that practicing an ethic of water conservation will protect South Florida's precious water supply.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Marathon, Florida, this 25th day of November, 2008.

THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA



Mike Cinque, Mayor

AYES: Ramsay, Snead, Vasil, Worthington, Cinque
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
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:



Jimmy Morales, City Attorney