

RESOLUTION NO. 2016- 037

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE GOALS OF "PROJECT H2O" AND TO WORK COLLABOATIVELY WITH OTHER "PROJECT H2O" PARTNERS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Indian River Lagoon, Mosquito Lagoon, and the surrounding water bodies have experienced documented decline in water and habitat quality; and

WHEREAS, "Project H2O" is a collaborative initiative between a variety of organizations, governmental agencies, local colleges and universities, non-profit organizations, as well as private industries which have a common goal to protect and enhance the water quality and marine and estuarine habitats in Volusia County, including but not limited to the Indian River Lagoon, Mosquito Lagoon, and the surrounding water bodies; and

WHEREAS, "Project H2O" has as its main objective the promotion of healthy habitats through outreach with the community to protect springs, rivers, estuaries and oceans with a focus on research, pollution reduction, citizen science, education and restoration; and

WHEREAS, "Project H2O" partners each have unique knowledge and resources, and focus on offering solutions by collaboration of efforts, exchange of resources, and expanding awareness with aligning goals; and

WHEREAS, collaboration between Project H2O partners will benefit the residents of Volusia County by facilitating meaningful improvements in water quality and the habitats of the Indian River Lagoon, Mosquito Lagoon, and surrounding water bodies; and

WHEREAS, the County Council adopted Resolution 2014-132, setting forth goals to improve water quality in Volusia County, specifically including collaboration with governments, educational institutions, and non-profit agencies as a priority for the County; and

WHEREAS, the mission of "Project H2O" is aligned with the goals set forth in the Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN OPEN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED IN THE THOMAS C. KELLY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, DELAND, FLORIDA, THIS 17th DAY OF MARCH, 2016, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are true and correct, and by this reference are hereby incorporated in and made an integral part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. The county council resolves to support the efforts of "Project H2O" in research, citizen science, education and restoration.

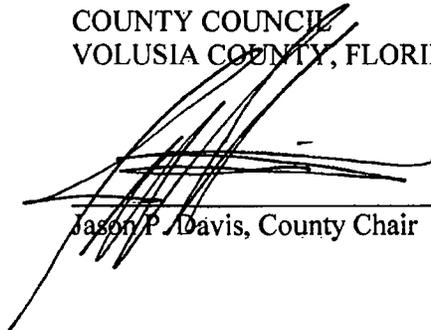
SECTION 3. The county council resolves to work together in good faith with "Project H2O" partners to:

- a. Educate students and citizens about the problems and solutions concerning our waters.
- b. Engage the residents of Volusia County in the active monitoring of our waters, building a community of ambassadors.
- c. Ensure healthy habitats through community restoration of our waters.
- d. Work to reduce the quantity and impacts of detrimental inputs into our waters.
- e. Conduct, participate, or endorse the scientific study of our waters that guides environmental initiatives in Volusia County.

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

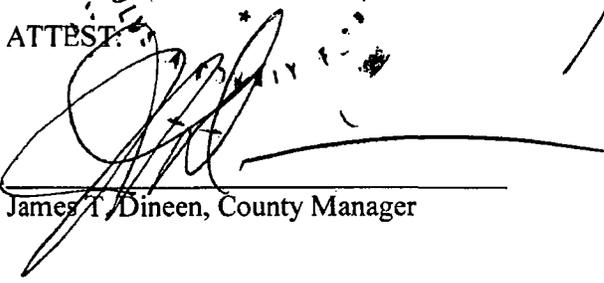
DONE AND ORDERED IN OPEN MEETING

COUNTY COUNCIL
VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA



Jason P. Davis, County Chair

ATTEST:



James T. Dineen, County Manager