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April 20, 2016

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jack Masson, Parks and Recreation Attn: Mike Knight

RE: Item I.B., Resolution Recognizing the 25th Anniversary of the Environmentally Endangered Lands Program

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on April 19, 2016, adopted Resolution No. 16-045, to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Environmentally Endangered Lands Program. Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

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Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

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Brevard



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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Resolution

WHEREAS, the Brevard County Environmentally Endangered Lands Program was established by referendum in 1990 with overwhelming voter support and in 2004 voters reaffirmed their support through a second referendum; and

WHEREAS, due to Brevard County's unique geographical location between the temperate and subtropical zones, EEL nature sanctuaries protect over 21 different habitats and 130 threatened or endangered plants and animal species and over 24,000 acres of conservation lands for long-term preservation of biological diversity, and the future enjoyment by citizens and visitors to Brevard County; and

WHEREAS, through the EEL Program, Brevard County has created three Land Management and Environmental Education Centers that in 2015 served over 85,000 citizens, school children, and visitors playing an important role in promoting and supporting ecotourism in Brevard County; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, an additional 32,000 visitors hiked, biked, paddled, or rode horses on the over 62 miles of recreational trails on EEL managed nature sanctuaries and 281 volunteers gave over 14,000 hours of their time to assist in carrying out the EEL Program mission and vision; and

WHEREAS, the nature sanctuaries preserved through the EEL Program play an important role in restoring groundwater to our aquifer, offsetting carbon dioxide accumulation in the atmosphere, surface water protection, nutrient filtration, stormwater control, and providing wildfire protection to our communities; and

WHEREAS, through the EEL Program, over 32 miles of the Indian River Lagoon shoreline and its tributaries within its watershed have been protected and managed to improve water quality and lagoon biodiversity; and

WHEREAS, the network of nature sanctuaries, environmental education centers, and nature-based public recreation opportunities have become a cherished part of our local communities that help to make Brevard County a great place to live, work, and raise children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, does hereby recognize

THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF BREVARD COUNTY'S ENVIRONMENTALLY ENDANGERED LANDS PROGRAM

for the benefits to our County in continuing to preserve our natural heritage into the future.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, on this 19th day of April, 2016.

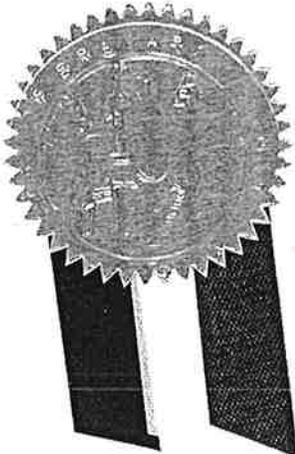
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Scott Ellis

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JIM BAFFIELD, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA



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BREVARD COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Scott Ellis, Clerk

Jim Barfield, Chairman

As approved by the Board on April 19, 2016