

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION NUMBER 16-1.13**

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA REQUESTING THE STATE LEGISLATURE ALLOCATE \$300 MILLION OF THE FUNDS IN THE LAND ACQUISITION TRUST FUND ANNUALLY TOWARD LAND ACQUISITION

WHEREAS, Florida's remarkable biological diversity and its natural systems are the fundamental basis of its quality of life and economy; and

WHEREAS population growth and development are projected to increase enormously in the next two decades and will pose major challenges to our natural resources and the services they provide; and

WHEREAS, 75 percent of Florida voters, 4.2 million people, and 78.7 % of Martin County, voted on November 4, 2014 for a Constitutional amendment to acquire the best of what is left of our natural areas; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature represents all the people; and

WHEREAS, there are natural areas and conservation lands necessary to protect our water resources, fish and wildlife, and recreational potential reaching across Florida from west to east and north to south; and

WHEREAS, it is the request of Martin County that the Legislature fulfill its obligation to its people to provide significant additional funding for conservation land acquisition as called for by Amendment 1; and

WHEREAS, the following land holdings previously acquired by the public in Martin County are significant to its future well-being; and

WHEREAS, there are future significant land purchases of great importance to Martin County; and

WHEREAS, the above referenced lands in Martin County need to be acquired and preserved by fee simple acquisition, conservation easement, or purchase of development rights for our future prosperity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:


Martin County respectfully requests that so long as the Amendment 1 Constitutional Amendment is in effect, at least \$300 million be provided on an annual basis for land

acquisition and that such acquisition be in accordance with the currently established Florida Forever program;

And be it finally resolved that Martin County considers land acquisition under Amendment 1 to be a crucial public issue to this County's and the State of Florida's future, and will be observant.

Duly adopted this 12th day of January, 2016.

ATTEST:


CAROLYN TIMMANN, CLERK OF THE
CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA


ANNE SCOTT, CHAIR

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