

**RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING CHANGES TO
CHAPTER 187 FLORIDA STATUTES, STATE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND
373 FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FLORIDA WATER RESOURCES ACT**

- Whereas, The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. (FFGC) since organizing in 1925, as recognized the environmental, economic, and individual need to preserve and protect Florida's natural water resources that are a state asset belonging to all of Florida's citizens; and
- Whereas, The State Comprehensive Plan provides that government shall ensure that future growth does not cause the environment to adversely affect the health of the population; and
- Whereas, The State Comprehensive Plan provides that the state should assure a safe and healthful environment through monitoring and regulating activities, which impact the quality of the state's air, water, and food; and
- Whereas, The State Comprehensive Plan provides as a goal: an environment which supports a healthy population and which does not cause illness; and
- Whereas, The State Comprehensive Plan provides the environment as one of the state's primary economic assets including clean air and water, beaches, forests, historic landmarks, and agricultural and natural resources; and
- Whereas, The State Comprehensive Plan provides that the primary long-range strategy for containing health care costs shall be prevention of avoidable illness and disability; and
- Whereas, FFGC has consistently supported reduction of reliance on traditional groundwater and surface waters by increasing our use of alternative sources of water; and
- Whereas, Scientific research has shown that protection of the Floridan Aquifer plays a fundamental role in protecting the quality and quantity of all water that is available naturally and from alternative sources; and
- Whereas, Scientific research has shown that the Floridan Aquifer is the source of Florida's spring water; and

- Whereas, health Monitoring of the quality and quantity of Florida Springs is a direct indicator of the health of the Floridan Aquifer; therefore, be it
- Resolved, That The Board of Directors of the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., meeting in regular session on January 17 - 18, 2007 in Winter Park, Florida, representing more than 17,000 members, strongly urges the 2007 Legislature to substantially increase Florida Spring restoration and protection for the future health of the population and visitors;
- Resolved, the That the 2007 Legislature amend Chapter 187 FS, to specify Florida Springs as one of the state's primary economic assets;
- Resolved, That the 2007 Legislature amend Chapter 373 FS with specific language that would:
- 1) Protect the Floridan Aquifer by stating that aquifer storage and recovery be designated for natural resources restoration and protection, and that this stored water not be available for meeting the water management directive of abundant water for future development and economic needs;
 - 2) Vest in the Department of Environmental Protection, or its successor agency, the power and responsibility for the restoration and protection of the Floridan Aquifer;
 - 3) Vest in the Department of Community Affairs the power and responsibility for land use planning to protect the Floridan Aquifer;
 - 4) Vest in the Water Management Districts the power and responsibility to uphold the state-wide plan for Floridan Aquifer restoration and protection as defined by the joint planning initiatives of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP and Department of Community Affairs (DCA);
 - 5) Vest in local governments the power and responsibility to uphold the state-wide plan for Floridan Aquifer restoration and protection as defined by the joint planning initiatives of the Department of Environmental Protection and Department of Community Affairs;
- Resolved, That this Resolution be sent to Governor Charlie Crist, FDEP Secretary Michael Sole, and FDCA Secretary Tom Pelham;
- Resolved, That this Resolution be sent to Ken Pruitt, President of the Senate, Senator Burt L. Saunders, Chairman Senate Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee, Senator Nan H. Rich, Vice Chairman Senate Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee and Committee Member Senators Paula Dockery, Don Gaetz, Dennis L. Jones, D.C., Charlie Justice;
- Resolved, That this Resolution be sent to Senator Rudy Garcia, Chairman Senate Committee on Community Affairs, Senator Anthony C. "Tony" Hill, Sr., Vice Chairman Senate

Committee on Community Affairs and Committee Member Senators Victor D. Crist, M. Mandy Dawson, Steven A. Geller, Mike Haridopolos, Gary Siplin, Rhonda Storms, J. Alex Villalobos, Steven R. Wise;

Resolved, That this Resolution be sent to Marco Rubio, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Representative Stan Mayfield, Chairman House Environment & Natural Resources Council, Representative Baxter Troutman, Vice Chairman house Environment & Natural Resources Council and Council Member Representatives Mary Brandenburg, Bob Allen, Debbie Boyd, Faye B. Culp, Richard Glorioso, Denise Grimsley, Will S. Kendrick, Paige Kreegel, Rick Kriseman, Richard A. Macheck, Bryan Nelson, Scott Randolph, Trudi K. Williams;

Resolved, That this Resolution be sent to Representative Andy Gardiner, Chairman House Government Efficiency & Accountability Council, Representative Michael J. Grant, Vice Chairman house Government Efficiency & Accountability Council and Council Member Representatives Matthew J. Meadows, Frank Attkisson, Carl J. Domino, Greg Evers, Joseph A. Gibbons, Eduardo Gonzalez, Ed Homan, Stan Jordan, Julio Robaina, Franklin Sands, Robert C. Schenck, Michael J. Scionti, and Geraldine F. Thompson.

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