

# **HARRIS CHAIN OF LAKES RESTORATION COUNCIL**

## **RESOLUTION No. 2006-5**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HARRIS CHAIN OF LAKES RESTORATION COUNCIL REQUESTING THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO TRANSFER \$369,500 IN 2006 STATE APPROPRIATIONS TO THE LAKE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING REVEGETATION WITH NATIVE VEGETATION, STOCKING OF LARGEMOUTH BASS, CONTROLLING EXOTIC AND INVASIVE VEGETATION, AND PLANTING CYPRESS TREES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Harris Chain of Lakes Restoration Council (Council) was created under Chapter 2001-246, Laws of Florida, and has the responsibility of recommending a restoration program for the Harris Chain of Lakes in Lake County, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the Harris Chain of Lakes Restoration Council had determined that an important component of restoration activities is improving aquatic habitat and fish and wildlife populations, and

**WHEREAS**, there has been a historical decline in aquatic habitat and sportfish populations in the Chain of Lakes, and

**WHEREAS**, improvements to water quality, aquatic habitat and sportfish populations have occurred and will be enhanced by this work, and

**WHEREAS**, the Harris Chain of Lakes Restoration Council submitted a Community Budget Issue Request to improve aquatic habitat and fish populations to the 2006 Florida Legislature, and

**WHEREAS**, the 2006 Florida Legislature appropriated \$369,500 to fulfill this request to the St. Johns River Water Management District for restoration of the Harris Chain of Lakes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Harris Chain of Lakes Restoration Council hereby requests that the St. Johns River Water Management District transfer the above referenced \$369,500 in 2006 state appropriations to the Lake County Water Authority for the purpose of supporting revegetation of aquatic areas with native vegetation, stocking of largemouth bass, controlling exotic and invasive vegetation, and planting cypress trees in the Harris Chain of Lakes basin.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2006.

Harris Chain of Lakes  
Restoration Council

\_\_\_\_\_, Chairman  
(Skip Goerner)

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