

HARRIS CHAIN OF LAKES RESTORATION COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. 2002-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE HARRIS CHAIN OF LAKES RESTORATION COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE PRIORITY ONE PROJECT, AS LISTED HEREIN, OF THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT UPPER OCKLAWAHA RIVER BASIN FUNDING INITIATIVE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004

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

WHEREAS, the St. Johns River Water Management District (District) has prepared the Upper Ocklawaha River Basin (UORB) Funding Initiative for FY 2003-2004, which includes potential additional project partners, for the purpose of protecting natural resources and completing projects outlined in the Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) Plan for the UORB and Lake Apopka; and

WHEREAS, said Funding Initiative has been presented to the Council at its October 11, 2002, meeting for review and recommendation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Harris Chain of Lakes Restoration Council does hereby recommend and support the Enhanced Lake Level Fluctuation and Lake Management Project Listed as Priority Ranking #1 at a budget request of 4.2 million dollars within the District's UORB Funding Initiative.

A summary outline of the project include

- Restore more-natural lake level fluctuations to improve water quality and reduce loss of lakeshore fish and wildlife habitats
- Provide for dredging of canals on Lake Griffin to improve boat access during low water conditions
- Provide for the continued harvesting of gizzard shad from Lake Griffin
- Restore the historic flow of the Harris Bayou between Lakes Harris and Griffin to provide greater flexibility in managing lake levels in the Burrell sub-basin, and to provide conveyance for additional flood control

- Develop plans and specifications and obtain permits for modifications to increase flood conveyance through the Dora Canal

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of November, 2002.

Harris Chain of Lakes
Restoration Council

_____, Chairman
Skip Goerner

Date: _____