

HARRIS CHAIN OF LAKES RESTORATION COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. 2005-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE HARRIS CHAIN OF LAKES RESTORATION COUNCIL REQUESTING THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO TRANSFER \$300,000 IN 2005 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 2005 Florida Legislature, and

WHEREAS, the 2005 Florida Legislature appropriated \$300,000 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 \$300,000 in 2005 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 7th day of October 2005.

Harris Chain of Lakes
Restoration Council

_____, Chairman
(Hugh Davis)

Date: _____