

HARRIS CHAIN OF LAKES RESTORATION COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. 2005-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE HARRIS CHAIN OF LAKES RESTORATION COUNCIL REQUESTING THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO TRANSFER \$1,000,000 IN 2005 STATE APPROPRIATIONS TO THE LAKE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CANAL ACCESS DREDGING EFFORTS ON LAKE GRIFFIN.

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 the creation of a new management program that will allow lake levels to fluctuate within a broader range, and

WHEREAS, such a broader fluctuation program will cause a temporary lowering of lake levels that may inhibit lake access, and

WHEREAS, the dredging of access canals will provide improved boating access and public support, and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Water Authority has completed that design of, and has received a permit for the dredging of access canals on Lake Griffin, and

WHEREAS, the Harris Chain of Lakes Restoration Council submitted a Community Budget Issue Request for canal access dredging needs to the 2005 Florida Legislature, and

WHEREAS, the 2005 Florida Legislature appropriated \$1,000,000 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 \$1,000,000 in 2005 state appropriations to the Lake County Water Authority for the purpose of canal access dredging on Lake Griffin.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of September 2005.

Harris Chain of Lakes
Restoration Council

_____, Chairman
(Hugh Davis)

Date: _____