

**RESOLUTION NO. 07-493**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE  
RESTORATION OF THE EVERGLADES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Miami Lakes supports the restoration of America's Everglades; and

**WHEREAS**, the 70 mile two-lane stretch of Tamiami Trail that links east and west coasts of South Florida from Miami to Naples cuts through the heart of the Everglades, interrupting the natural flow of water to America's most threatened wetlands wilderness; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Miami Lakes recognizes that in order to protect and enhance the natural flow of water to the Everglades and Florida Bay, the Tamiami Trail, built in 1928, must be transformed into a modern Skyway, an environmentally-sound elevated roadway that would allow unrestricted flow and restoration to Shark River Slough, the central artery of the Everglades; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed 11-mile Skyway would be similar to what has been built in Louisiana, where visitors to its majestic bayous can proudly view these natural treasures on elevated highways while imposing minimal impact on water flow and wildlife movement; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2001 the Science Coordination Team of the South Florida Restoration Task Force recommended in a consensus letter to the Army Corps of Engineers that the preferred alternative is to raise the entire 11-mile section and stated that only by building the "skyway" could full restoration be achieved, and

**WHEREAS**, the 11 mile Skyway over the Everglades would provide a substantial economic benefit to Greater Miami by promoting international tourism.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The Town of Miami Lakes supports the 11-mile Everglades Skyway.

**Section 2.** That the Town Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Metropolitan Planning Organization Director and Board.

**Section 3.** That the Town Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Governor the State of Florida, U.S. Senators, U.S. Representatives from Miami Dade County and any other official deemed appropriate.


**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of February, 2007.

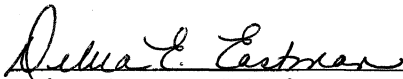
Motion to adopt by Vice Mayor Mary Collins, second by Councilmember Nancy Simon.

**FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION**

Mayor Wayne Slaton	yes
Vice Mayor Mary Collins	yes
Councilmember Roberto Alonso	yes
Councilmember Robert Meador	yes
Councilmember Richard Pulido	yes
Councilmember Michael Pizzi	yes
Councilmember Nancy Simon	yes

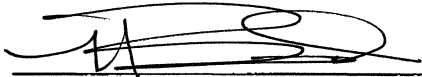
  
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Wayne Slaton  
MAYOR

ATTEST:



Debra Eastman, MMC  
TOWN CLERK

Approved as to form and legality for the use  
and benefit of the Town of Miami Lakes only:



Weiss, Serota, Helfman, Pastoriza,  
Cole & Boniske, P.L.  
TOWN ATTORNEY