RESOLUTION NO. 2015-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE IRL COUNCIL RELATING TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE INDIAN RIVER LAGOON NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the IRL Council has a Mission to build partnerships to restore and protect the Indian River Lagoon (IRL), and;

WHEREAS, the IRL Council is in the process of becoming the sponsoring agency for the Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program (IRL NEP), and;

WHEREAS, the Volusia County representative on the IRL Council Board of Directors has requested IRL Council consideration for a boundary amendment to extend the management boundary of the IRL NEP northward to the High Bridge Road in Volusia County, and;

WHEREAS, management authority for the IRL NEP will not be transferred fully to the IRL Council until the following actions occur:

- A Management Conference is created and convened by the IRL Council.
- The IRL Council formally requests the transfer of IRL NEP management authority from the St. Johns River Water Management District to the IRL Council.
- The transfer of IRL NEP management authority is accepted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, a primary IRL NEP grant agency.

WHEREAS, these program transition activities are currently underway;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE IRL COUNCIL, THAT:

Section 1. The IRL Council staff shall work with the U.S. EPA to restructure and re-convene the new management conference.

Section 2. The IRL Council requests the Volusia County Council to submit a written resolution to the IRL Council requesting an amendment to the IRL NEP boundary with specific extensions delineated on a map.

Section 3. The provisions of this Resolution shall be effective immediately.
DONE at [Palm Bay], Florida, this 9th day of October, 2015.

IRL COUNCIL

By: [Signature]
Ed Fielding, Chair

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Secretary

Approved as to legal form and sufficiency:

[Signature]
Carolyn S. Ansay
Legal Counsel
RESOLUTION 2015-133

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE INDIAN RIVER LAGOON NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the EPA National Estuary Program (NEP) was established in 1987 under the Clean Water Act Amendments (CWA) to restore and maintain the water quality and ecological integrity of estuaries of national significance; and

WHEREAS, the NEP looks broadly across the watershed and recognizes the connection between upstream sources of pollution and downstream impacts; and

WHEREAS, the NEP targets a broad range of issues and engages local communities in the process to maintain the integrity of the whole system, which includes its chemical, physical, and biological properties, as well as its economic, recreational, and aesthetic values; and

WHEREAS, current northern boundary of the Indian River Lagoon (IRL) NEP is Ponce DeLeon Inlet; and

WHEREAS, the study area for a successful ecosystem-based management program should include connecting estuarine environments; and

WHEREAS, six (6) of Volusia County’s sixteen (16) drainage basins contribute to the Halifax River, including the Outstanding Florida Waters of the Tomoka River and Spruce Creek, and

WHEREAS, those six (6) drainage basins cover an area of approximately 198,678 acres; and

WHEREAS, the Halifax River merges with Spruce Creek and the Mosquito Lagoon and is an integrated estuarine system which requires a holistic approach to insure the health and success of these waterways; and
WHEREAS, the County of Volusia requests IRL Council consideration for a boundary amendment to extend the study area and management boundary of the IRL NEP north to the LB Knox Bridge, commonly known as High Bridge, in Volusia County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN OPEN MEETING DUTY ASSEMBLED IN THE THOMAS C. KELLY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, DELAND, FLORIDA THIS 5th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2015, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The County of Volusia requests the IRL Council make a formal request for a boundary amendment to extend the study area and management boundary of the IRL NEP north to the LB Knox Bridge, commonly known as High Bridge, in Volusia County.

Section 2. The County of Volusia staff shall assist IRL Council in its efforts to work with the U.S. EPA to restructure and re-convene the new management conference for the IRL NEP.

Section 3. The County of Volusia shall submit this resolution to the IRL Council requesting an amendment to the IRL NEP boundary with specific extensions delineated on the map attached hereto as Attachment A.

Section 4. The provisions of this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

DONE AND ORDERED IN OPEN MEETING.

COUNTY COUNCIL
VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Jason P. Davis, County Chair

James A. Dinneen, County Manager

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