BEFORE THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NUMBER 93-2018

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE 2018 WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT (WRDA) (S. 3021); PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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WHEREAS, Communities in South Florida are under siege by massive algae blooms spreading from Lake Okeechobee into the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Rivers; and

WHEREAS, The City is currently in a state of emergency due to the continuing discharges from Lake Okeechobee which is creating toxic cyanobacteria resulting in devastation to the waters surrounding the City boundaries and serious health issues to the City's citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Water Resources Development Act includes an important project, the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Storage Reservoir, which would help to mitigate future environmental and human health impacts of lake discharges; and

WHEREAS, Floridians are enduring an environmental and economic crisis caused by these pervasive, toxic algae blooms. The condition of the St. Lucie River Estuary has become critical and has created an urgent need for this legislation; and

WHEREAS, The EAA Storage Reservoir is a critical piece of the puzzle for ending Lake Okeechobee discharges and the harmful algae blooms they help fuel; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that it is necessary, reasonable, and in the best interest for the City to support the 2018 Water Resources Development Act (S. 3021), as the citizens of the City of Stuart's health, safety and welfare is paramount.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The foregoing precatory language is adopted as if set forth below.

SECTION 2: The City of Stuart, Florida supports the Water Resources Development Act in order to protect the citizens of Stuart's health and safety from the harmful discharges from Lake Okeechobee into the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Rivers.

SECTION 3: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Commissioner _____ offered the foregoing resolution and moved its adoption.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
KELLI GLASS LEIGHTON, MAYOR				
BECKY BRUNER, VICE MAYOR				
EULA R. CLARKE, COMMISSIONER				
MERRITT MATHESON, COMMISSIONER				
MIKE MEIER, COMMISSIONER				

ADOPTED this 24th day of September, 2018.

ATTEST:

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MARY R. KINDEL
CITY CLERK

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KELLI GLASS LEIGHTON
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:

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MICHAEL MORTELL
CITY ATTORNEY