

RESOLUTION NO. 13-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING ITS SUPPORT FOR THE FLORIDA GULF OF MEXICO RESTORATION PROJECT IDENTIFIED AS "THE BLUE TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE CHOCTAWHATCHEE RIVER WATERSHED IN FLORIDA"

WHEREAS, Florida's water resources are unique natural resources and the protection and appreciation of these water resources should be a high priority; and

WHEREAS, Florida's water resources are an important factor in the economic viability of the Florida Panhandle Area and its local economy; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Holmes County have been supportive of the RESTORE Act's regional approach to the restoring the long-term health of the valuable natural ecosystem and the economy of the Gulf Coast region; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Holmes County recognizes Holmes County's contributing waters of the Choctawhatchee River watershed in Florida and that protection and promotion of those water resources and the development of educational, recreational, and sustainable use without adversely impacting our unique natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Holmes County unanimously agrees with the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council's draft initial Comprehensive Plan: Restoring the Gulf Coast's Ecosystem and the Economy's Goals:

- (1) Restore and conserve habitat
- (2) Restore water quality
- (3) Replenish and protect living coastal and marine resources
- (4) Enhance community resilience
- (5) Restore and revitalize the gulf economy

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Holmes County recognizes that the existing unique natural resources and the existing and potential river recreational opportunities in the Choctawhatchee River watershed in Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Holmes County supports Holmes County's RESTORE Act Stakeholders Committee's Recommendation to improve water quality and provide environmental, economic and social benefits, and community resilience; and

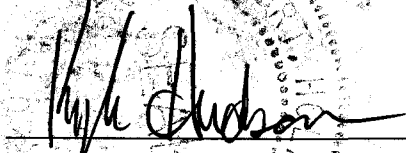
WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Holmes County wish to go on record early and unequivocally to support Florida's Gulf of Mexico Restoration Projects that apply sustainability on a watershed basis,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Holmes County, Florida, in regular session this 30th day of July, 2013 as follows: The Board of County Commissioners actively supports the Florida Gulf of Mexico Restoration Project identified as:

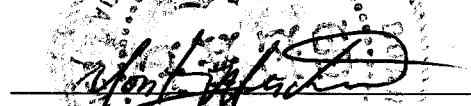
"The Blue Trail Feasibility Study for the Choctawhatchee River Watershed in Florida."

1. Resolution shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board, and attested by the Clerk of the Board.
2. The Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection with the project application.

ATTEST:
COMMISSIONERS


Clerk of Court

BOARD OF COUNTY
HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA


Chairman