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House Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging action by the U.S. Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville Division, and Region IV of the Environmental Protection Agency, relating to wetland jurisdiction.

WHEREAS, The State of Florida has implemented a statewide streamlined wetland delineation methodology that does not compromise wetland protection and provides a unified definition and methodology binding all state, regional, and local governments and agencies, and

WHEREAS, the federal delineation methodology results in a slightly different wetland line in certain areas than the unified statewide methodology for the delineation of wetlands, and

WHEREAS, the state wishes to ensure continued coordination with federal wetland planning and regulation without unnecessary duplication, needless paperwork, and delays, and

WHEREAS, the federal agencies' use of the Florida statewide unified wetland delineation methodology would eliminate substantial transactional costs, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the State of Florida supports action by the U.S. Congress, the congressional delegation from Florida, the Administrator and Regional Administrator for Region IV of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary

1 of the Army, and the District Engineer for the Jacksonville
2 Division of the Corps of Engineers that would result in the
3 federal agencies implementing section 404 of the Clean Water
4 Act and section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act adopting and
5 using Florida's statewide wetland definition and delineation
6 methodology.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
8 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
9 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
10 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
11 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

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