

By Senator Negrón

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing March 3, 2010, as "Palm Beach County Day" in Florida.

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County has a long record of serving as a responsible steward of environmentally sensitive lands, and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County has funded and completed many environmental restoration efforts and purchases of environmentally sensitive lands for preservation purposes, and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County has led in the efforts to restore and preserve the Loxahatchee River, one of only two federally designated Wild and Scenic Rivers in Florida, and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County has partnered effectively with the State of Florida, the South Florida Water Management District, and many local municipalities in efforts to restore and preserve the Lake Worth Lagoon and the historic Chain of Lakes region and implement the Natural Areas Program, and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County has partnered with the State of Florida and the Federal Government to build the Lake Region Water Treatment Plant in Belle Glade, which provides clean drinking water to one of the state's economically disadvantaged areas, and

WHEREAS, with the opening of the Lake Region Water Treatment Plant, residents of western Palm Beach County now receive their drinking water from the Floridan Aquifer, rather than directly from Lake Okeechobee, which supports the responsible restoration of the lake, and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County and the State of Florida have successfully prioritized these local projects that directly

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30 restore and preserve the state's most environmentally sensitive
31 areas, NOW, THEREFORE,

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33 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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35 That, in appreciation of the long record of Palm Beach
36 County working in partnership with local, state, and federal
37 agencies to serve as a responsible and active steward of
38 environmentally sensitive lands, March 3, 2010, is recognized as
39 "Palm Beach County Day" in Florida.