

House Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States,
 urging Congress to direct the United States
 Environmental Protection Agency to issue a memorandum
 of agreement so Florida may complete the assumption of
 a section 404 dredge and fill permitting program under
 the federal Clean Water Act.

WHEREAS, a state may seek a memorandum of agreement to
 assume administration of a section 404 dredge and fill
 permitting program under the federal Clean Water Act, and

WHEREAS, House Bill 7043 authorized the Department of
 Environmental Protection to seek the assumption of the federal
 dredge and fill permitting program, and

WHEREAS, House Bill 7043 was approved by the Governor on
 March 23, 2018, and

WHEREAS, since that time, the United States Environmental
 Protection Agency has not issued a memorandum of agreement so
 Florida can complete the assumption of the dredge and fill
 permitting program, and

WHEREAS, without the memorandum of agreement, critical
 environmental restoration activities, including projects under
 the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, continue to be
 delayed, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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28 | That the Congress of the United States is urged to direct
29 | the United States Environmental Protection Agency to issue a
30 | memorandum of agreement so Florida may complete the assumption
31 | of a section 404 dredge and fill permitting program under the
32 | federal Clean Water Act.

33 | BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
34 | dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
35 | President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
36 | United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
37 | the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.