

RESOLUTION 2013-4

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA, RELATING TO NATIONAL ESTUARIES DAY AND THE HANDS ACROSS THE LAGOON EVENT, SEPTEMBER 28, 2013; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION.

WHEREAS, The Town of St. Lucie Village, Florida, recognizes the environmental, transportation, economic and overall quality of life benefits that the Indian River Lagoon provides to the Treasure Coast region; and

WHEREAS, the economic value of the Indian River Lagoon has been estimated at more than \$3.7 billion annually to our state and region; and

WHEREAS, numerous manatees, dolphins and pelicans have died in the Indian River Lagoon within the past year, resulting in the formal declaration of an Unusual Mortality Event; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the Town of St. Lucie Village are becoming increasingly concerned about the status of the Indian River Lagoon's water quality and overall health; and

WHEREAS, National Estuaries Day will be celebrated on September 28, 2013, to recognize the importance that estuarine ecosystems serve as natural barriers to buffer against storms and floods, absorb and store carbon, and provide critical habitat for commercial and recreational fisheries; and

WHEREAS, the Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program and Marine Resources Council are working cooperatively with local and state governments, organizations and stakeholders in St. Lucie County to organize a Hands Across The Lagoon event on National Estuaries Day on September 28, 2013, so as to give the Town of St. Lucie Village residents an opportunity to demonstrate their support for a restored and vibrant Indian River Lagoon by joining hands along selected causeway bridges.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Town of St. Lucie Village, Florida does hereby join the Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program and its partners by supporting the proclamation of September 28, 2013, as National Estuaries Day -- Hands Across The Lagoon".

2. That this Resolution shall be effective upon passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of St.

Lucie Village on this 17th day of September, 2013.

APPROVED:
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF
ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA

By: William G. Thiess
William G. Thiess, Mayor

ATTESTED:

By: Diane C. Orme
Diane C. Orme, Clerk

I, DIANE C. ORME, Clerk of the TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of Resolution **2013-4** which was duly introduced, read and adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA, held this 17th day of September, 2013.

Diane C. Orme
DIANE C. ORME, CLERK