

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
External Revenues	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
NET FISCAL IMPACT	<u>✖</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes _____ No _____
Budget Account No.: Fund _____ Department _____ Unit _____ Object _____
 Program _____

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact

✖ There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

C. Department Fiscal Review:

J. Neary

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and /or Contract Administrator Comments:

Shen M
 OFMB *KUC* *8/28* *8/28* *8/31* Contract Administrator *J. J. Jacobs* *9/10/15*
9-9-15 *Al Wheeler*

B. Legal Sufficiency:

Sam J

 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director

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RESOLUTION NO. 2015 - _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, DEDICATING THE 562-ACRE WINDING WATERS NATURAL AREA TO RICHARD E. WALESKY IN RECOGNITION OF HIS 24 YEARS OF GUIDEING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT FROM ITS INITIATION IN 1987 UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 2011 AND MORE SPECIFICALLY, FOR HIS UNFAILING SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTY'S NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, on October 1, 1987, The Board of County Commissioners created The Department of Environmental Resources Management (ERM) with Mr. Richard E. Walesky selected as its director, and a complement of 38 staff positions; and

WHEREAS, in March of 1991, with Mr. Walesky's leadership efforts, Palm Beach County voters approved a \$100 million bond referendum for the purchase of environmentally sensitive lands; and

WHEREAS, again in March of 1999 the voters of Palm Beach County approved a second bond referendum for \$150 million for the acquisition of lands for conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Walesky's guidance, ERM staff provided support to the Environmentally Sensitive Lands Acquisition Selection Committee (ESLASC), and the Conservation Lands Acquisition Selection Committee (CLASC) for the acquisition of natural area lands; and

WHEREAS, since the inception of the program, the County has acquired more than 31,300 acres of representative south Florida native ecosystems owned and/or managed by ERM on 37 separate natural areas, and the vast majority were acquired during Mr. Walesky's tenure; and

WHEREAS, many of the individual property acquisitions were made possible by the skillful negotiation strategies offered by Mr. Walesky; and

WHEREAS, the dedication and passion for the preservation of the County's environmentally sensitive lands promoted and fostered by Mr. Walesky continues to be exhibited today by ERM's staff; and

WHEREAS, the efforts initiated by Mr. Walesky, and continuing today under ERM's current leadership, have been recognized several times throughout the years with awards nationally from the United States Department of the Interior and the White House's Cooperative Conservation program, the Bureau of Land Management, the National Association of Counties, the National Center for Public Productivity at Rutgers

1 University, and locally from the Florida Association of Environmental Professionals, The
2 Nature Conservancy, and most recently in 2014 from Audubon Florida, when for the first
3 time ever they recognized a local government program (i.e., the Palm Beach County
4 Natural Areas Program) with their "Special Places Award".

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6 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY**
7 **COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:**

- 8 1. The above Whereas clauses are hereby incorporated as findings of fact upon
9 which this Resolution is based.
- 10 2. The Board of County Commissioners approves dedicating the Winding
11 Waters Natural Area in honor of Mr. Richard E. Walesky and authorizes ERM
12 to place a sign or plaque at the Winding Waters Natural Area's trailhead
13 stating "Dedicated to Richard E. Walesky in recognition of his years of
14 passionate devotion to preserving Palm Beach County's natural areas." This
15 resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

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17 (REMAINDER OF PAGE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK)

1 The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who
2 moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____, and
3 upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:
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5 COMM. SHELLEY VANA, Mayor _____
6 COMM. MARY LOU BERGER, Vice Mayor _____
7 COMM. HAL R. VALECHE _____
8 COMM. PAULETTE BURDICK _____
9 COMM. STEVEN L. ABRAMS _____
10 COMM. MELISSA McKINLAY _____
11 COMM. PRISCILLA A. TAYLOR _____

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13 The Mayor thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this _____ day
14 of _____, 2015.
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18 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
19 LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

20 PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
21 BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY
22 COMMISSIONERS
23 SHARON R. BOCK, CLERK

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25 By:  _____
26 County Attorney

By: _____
Deputy Clerk