

**RESOLUTION 2015-02**

**A RESOLUTION URGING AND ENCOURAGING THE FLORIDA STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO IMPROVE SURFACE WATER QUALITY BY ALLOCATING TEN PERCENT OF ANY PROCEEDS APPROPRIATED FOR THE STATE LAND ACQUISITION TRUST FUND TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES TO ELIMINATE SEPTIC SYSTEMS IN ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LANDS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Water and Land Conservation Initiative, known as Amendment 1 to the Florida State Constitution, was approved by Florida voters on the November 4, 2014, ballot by a seventy-five percent majority; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Water and Land Conservation Initiative dedicates thirty-three percent of net revenue from existing excise tax on documents (Documentary Stamp Tax) to the Land Acquisition Trust Fund (LATF) for twenty years beginning on July 1, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the LATF was created to acquire and improve conservation easements, wildlife management areas, wetlands, forests, fish and wildlife habitats, beaches and shores, recreational trails and parks, urban open space, rural landscapes, working farms and ranches, historical and geological sights, lands protecting water and drinking water resources and lands in the Everglades Agricultural Areas and the Everglades Protection Area; and

**WHEREAS**, reducing and eliminating septic systems will serve to improve and protect the water quality of surface and ground water by eliminating discharge into environmentally sensitive water bodies; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the view of the City Council of the City of Daytona Beach Shores that we owe it to our children and grandchildren to protect Florida's rivers, lakes, springs, natural areas, beaches and wildlife, so future generations can enjoy them the same way we do; and

**WHEREAS**, Article II, Section 7 of the *Constitution of the State of Florida* provides that "[i]t shall be the policy of the state to conserve and protect its natural resources and scenic beauty. Adequate provision shall be made by law for the abatement of air and water pollution and of excessive and unnecessary noise and for the conservation and protection of natural resources."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAYTONA BEACH SHORES, FLORIDA, THAT:**

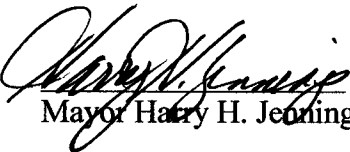
**SECTION ONE. SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION:** The City Council of the City of Daytona Beach Shores hereby supports the enactment of legislation to provide funding to improve surface water quality by allocating ten percent of any proceeds appropriated for the State Land Acquisition Trust Fund to support programs and initiatives to eliminate septic systems in environmentally sensitive lands.

**SECTION TWO. REQUEST TO THE LEGISLATURE:** The City Council of the City of Daytona Beach Shores requests the Florida State Legislature support and assist in allocating funding for the purpose of improving and protecting the water quality for citizens of the City of Daytona Beach Shores and Volusia County.

**SECTION THREE. IMPLEMENTATION:** The City Council of the City of Daytona Beach Shores hereby authorizes and directs the City Manager to implement the provisions of this Resolution as deemed appropriate and necessary. Further, the City Council of the City of Daytona Beach Shores hereby directs the City Clerk to provide a copy of this Resolution to each Member of the Volusia County Legislative Delegation as well as to the President of the Florida Senate and the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives.

**SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**THE CITY OF DAYTONA BEACH SHORES**


By:   
Mayor Harry H. Jennings

**ATTEST:**

By:   
City Manager, Michael T. Booker

By:   
City Clerk, Cheri Schwab

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:**

By:   
City Attorney, Lonnie Groot

Passed and adopted upon first reading this 24 day of Feb., 2015

Posted this 24 day of Feb, 2015.

