



Save Our River! Stop the Discharges!

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RESOLUTION

Toxic Algae Bloom and Agency Responsibility

WHEREAS, Blue-Green Algae blooms have appeared in Lake Okeechobee as of April 14, 2015 and in the St. Lucie Canal at Port Mayaca, S-308, from the Lake on April 23, 2015; and

WHEREAS, these Blue-Green algae blooms are considered "harmful algae blooms" having been tested by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) confirming them as toxic to human health; and

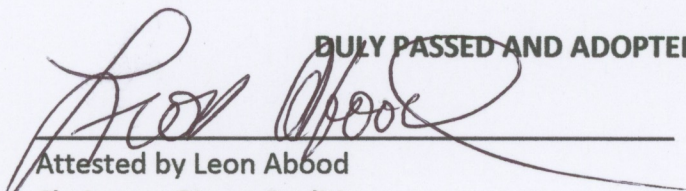
WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) has decided to increase discharges from Lake Okeechobee into the St. Lucie Canal and to the St. Lucie Estuary and Indian River Lagoon; and

WHEREAS, the federal and state agencies such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), USACOE, Florida Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), FDEP and SFWMD have not shown concern for this to be a serious issue;

Therefore be it resolved:

The Rivers Coalition, representing 80 member organizations and over 300,000 Floridians, hereby demands that the President, Congressional members, Florida's Governor and the State Legislative members be held accountable for the "in-action" by the agencies named above under their specific authority and that they should immediately call on these agencies to respond and stop the growth and spread of these harmful toxic blue-green algae blooms.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 2015


Attested by Leon Abood
Chairman, Rivers Coalition