

FLORIDA'S ENVIRONMENTAL BILL OF RIGHTS

Whereas Florida's environment is essential to our health and well-being and our State's economic prosperity, and

Whereas it is already the policy of Florida to conserve and protect its natural resources and scenic beauty in Article II, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution, and

Whereas our generation has the moral, spiritual and legal obligation to be good stewards of the environment for generations to come,

Now therefore, we solemnly pledge our support for this Florida Environmental Bill of Rights:

- 1. We pledge to protect Florida's waters from environmental degradation so that generations to come can enjoy our rivers, lands, lakes, springs, bays and beaches.
- 2. We pledge to reduce Florida's carbon footprint so that by 2030 Florida does its part to meet the international standard of 30% greenhouse gas emissions reduction from the 2005 baseline.
- 3. We pledge to support sustainable growth management policies that reduce urban sprawl, require concurrent infrastructure, emphasize non-automotive alternatives such as sidewalks, bikeways/paths, and public, mass and rail transit over building more and wider highways and to continue the effective acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands.
- 4. We pledge to be responsible stewards of Florida's wildlife, coral reefs and fish so that they thrive and avoid extinction.
- 5. We pledge to support pro environmental policies that help create better paying jobs, at least at a living wage.
- 6. We pledge to encourage Florida's use of clean sustainable energy and to reduce our State's dependence on fossil fuels and nuclear energy, and to the opposition to hydraulic fracturing in all its forms.
- 7. We pledge to oppose the concentrated location of polluting facilities especially in predominantly minority and low income neighborhoods.
- 8. We pledge to encourage sustainability in our State's agricultural practices, water consumption, building codes and trash disposal.
- 9. We pledge to protect Florida's air from dangerous pollutants and we pledge to protect the right of all Floridians to breathe clean air.
- 10. We pledge to recognize the interconnectedness of our environmental pledges and we further pledge to be mutually supportive with the use of our resources.

TAKE ACTION!

Ask your organization to sign up & endorse.

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