

CITY OF APALACHICOLA

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RESOLUTION 2007-08

WHEREAS, The Apalachicola River serves as the life blood to the area's Oyster Industry; and

WHEREAS, without sufficient quantities of clean fresh water, the Oyster Industry will die and the economy of Apalachicola will suffer greatly; and

WHEREAS, increased demand for fresh water as a result of over development and drought in the Atlanta area threatens the freshwater levels in Apalachicola Bay; and

WHEREAS, the reallocation of water distribution now under consideration only serves to provide a band-aide cure to a larger problem which is not being addressed; and

WHEREAS, the City of Apalachicola stands to be dramatically affected by the results of negotiations and law suits currently underway regarding the use of freshwater along the Apalachicola River basin;

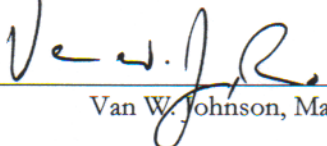
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission of the City of Apalachicola does hereby go on record as being opposed to any resolution of the water distribution issue related to the Apalachicola River that will be injurious to the Oyster Industry in the Apalachicola Bay; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Apalachicola City Commission does hereby enjoin its representatives, the Governor of the State of Florida, the Congress and President of the United States to pursue every opportunity to resolve the water distribution issue in a manner that will maintain a proper ecological balance of fresh water in Apalachicola Bay; and

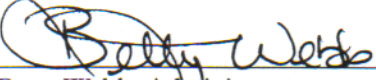
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Commission of Apalachicola calls on other elected bodies in the County and area to join with them to assist in a favorable resolution of the water rights issue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Apalachicola will utilize any and all resources available, both political and legal, to satisfactorily resolve the water distribution problem.

This Resolution adopted in open regular meeting of the Apalachicola City Commission this 6th day of November 2007.

  
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Van W. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Betty Webb, Administrator