CITY OF SANIBEL

RESOLUTION 14-005

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SANIBEL, FLORIDA, URGING THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO APPROVE THE WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2013 AND FUND CONSTRUCTION OF THE C-43 RESERVOIR PROJECT, THE CENTRAL EVERGLADES PLANNING PROJECT, THE COMPREHENSIVE EVERGLADES RESTORATION PLAN, AND THE REHABILITATION OF THE HERBERT HOOVER DIKE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan was approved in the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 and remains a national priority; and

WHEREAS, the largest contributor of stormwater flows to Lake Okeechobee is from the Kissimmee drainage basin; and

WHEREAS, storage of water within the Kissimmee, Lake Okeechobee, St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee basins, and conveyance of water south to Everglades National Park, are critical for reducing high flow impacts to the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie estuaries; and

WHEREAS, the Central Everglades Planning Project is projected to move approximately 210,000 acre-feet of water south of Lake Okeechobee to reduce some of the damaging flows to the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie estuaries; and

WHEREAS, the Unites States Army Corps of Engineers is working to rehabilitate the aging Herbert Hoover dike that protects communities surrounding Lake Okeechobee and provide temporary storage to limit harmful releases to the Caloosahatchee Estuary; and

WHEREAS, the Water Resources Development Act of 2013 will authorize the Caloosahatchee C-43 West Basin Reservoir Project, which will provide approximately 170,000 acre-feet of storage within the Caloosahatchee basin to help address high and low flow issues; and

WHEREAS, the United States Senate passed Senate Bill 601, Water Resources Development Act of 2013 on May 15, 2013;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sanibel, Florida:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby urges the United States House of Representatives to approve the Water Resource Development Act of 2013 and fund construction of the C-43 Reservoir, the Central Everglades Planning Project, the

Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, and the rehabilitation of the Herbert Hoover Dike.

SECTION 2. Effective date.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

DULY PASSED AND ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Sanibel, Florida, this 7th day of January, 2014.

AUTHENTICATION:

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APPROVED AS TO FORM: Kenneth B. Cuyler 12/30/13
Kenneth B. Cuyler, City Attorney Date

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