

RESOLUTION 2010-01

To support the Protection and Re-Authorization of the Forever Wild Program

WHEREAS, in the past seventeen years of its existence, the Forever Wild Program has been managed by a diverse Board of Trustees that represents the broad interests of Alabama's citizens;

WHEREAS, through the assistance of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR), the program has received outstanding fiscal stewardship, and has served as a model for effective government administration;

WHEREAS, these state lands provide an enhancement to the quality of life for the citizens of Baldwin County, as recreational lands and habitat for Alabama's natural heritage of plants and animals;

WHEREAS, these Forever Wild lands maintain open space that provides for clean air and water necessary for a healthy environment;

WHEREAS, the funds supporting land acquisition by the Forever Wild Program are derived from the sale of Alabama's natural gas resources, thereby re-investing one natural resource into another, all without an increase in taxes;

WHEREAS, these lands support the state's tourism industry, and serve as an asset of the State of Alabama benefiting our collective economies;

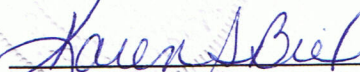
WHEREAS, the State of Alabama acting through the Forever Wild Program and the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has secured over 79,000 acres of land in select areas of the two coastal counties, specifically in the Mobile-Tensaw Delta, the Grand Bay Savannah, Dauphin Island, Mobile Bay, the Escatawpa River, the Perdido River, the Splinter Hill Bog, Blakeley State Park, the Weeks Bay Reserve, and Lillian Swamp, all of which lie within close proximity to the citizens of Baldwin County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Magnolia Springs, Alabama, that these elected officials acting as a body of governance for the citizens of the Town of Magnolia Springs support the protection and re-authorization of the Forever Wild Program under Constitutional Amendment 543, thereby extending the Forever Wild Program's funding through legislative act, as presently provided under Constitutional Amendment 543, to support the purchase of additional conservation lands within Alabama.

Adopted this the 23rd day of February, 2010


Charles S. Houser – Mayor

ATTEST:


Karen S. Biel – Town Clerk