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5 **RESOLUTION NO. 2012-39**  
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7 A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE  
8 COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE  
9 PARK, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE CENTRAL  
10 EVERGLADES PLANNING PROJECT FOR THE  
11 RESTORATION OF THE CENTRAL  
12 EVERGLADES; PROVIDING FOR AN  
13 EFFECTIVE DATE  
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16 **WHEREAS**, the Greater Everglades Ecosystem is a globally imperiled habitat and the  
17 primary source of drinking water for the Village of Biscayne Park; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Everglades National Park is critical to South Florida's tourism, with nearly a  
19 million visitors each year; 30 percent of whom are from outside the United States

20 **WHEREAS**, the Everglades ecosystem has continued to decline in the face of restoration  
21 delays and an expedited solution is needed to increase the quality, quantity, timing and  
22 distribution of freshwater flows into the central Everglades, Everglades National Park, and  
23 Florida and Biscayne Bays; and

24 **WHEREAS**, increased deliveries of water south of Lake Okeechobee will reduce  
25 damaging discharges to the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie estuaries; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the goal of the Central Everglades Planning Project (CEPP) is to  
27 significantly reduce planning times and deliver a finalized plan for a suite of restoration projects  
28 in the central Everglades within 18 months,

29 **WHEREAS**, full support and funding by the State of Florida and the U.S. Congress is  
30 needed to implement this project that will protect regional water supply, create much needed jobs  
31 and strengthen the local economy.

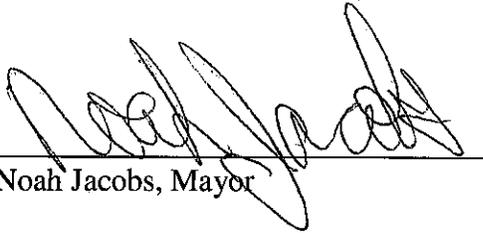
32 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COMMISSION OF THE**  
33 **VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK:**  
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35 **SECTION 1.** That the foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and  
36 confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon  
37 adoption hereof.  
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39 **SECTION 2.** That the Village of Biscayne Park supports the completion of a Project  
40 Implementation Report (PIR) by the South Florida Water Management District and the U.S.  
41 Army Corps of Engineers through the CEPP by May 2013 that addresses key obstacles for  
42 restoring freshwater flows and implements meaningful ecological and economic benefits toward  
43 restoring America's Everglades.  
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1           **SECTION 3.** This resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and  
2 adoption herein.  
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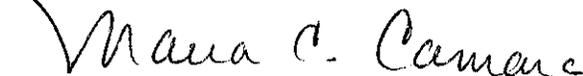
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5           **PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.  
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13 Noah Jacobs, Mayor  
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The foregoing resolution upon being  
put to vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Jacobs: Yes  
Vice Mayor Ross: Yes  
Commissioner Anderson: Yes  
Commissioner Cooper: Yes  
Commissioner Watts: Yes

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21 Maria Camara, Village Clerk  
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23 Approved as to form:

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28 Village Attorney