

1                                   **SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**  
2                                   **RESOLUTION NO. 2007 \_\_\_\_\_**

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4           **A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SOUTH**  
5           **FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT REQUESTING THE UNITED**  
6           **STATES CONGRESS TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS NECESSARY TO**  
7           **BRING THE HERBERT HOOVER DIKE INTO COMPLIANCE WITH**  
8           **CURRENT LEVEE PROTECTION SAFETY STANDARDS AND TO**  
9           **EXPEDITE FUNDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH PROMPT**  
10           **ENACTMENT OF THE ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS BILL**  
11           **OR SOME OTHER MECHANISM; REQUESTING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**  
12           **TO ENACT RESOLUTIONS SUPPORTING THESE REQUESTS;**  
13           **PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (George Horne, ext. 6594)**

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15           **WHEREAS,** Lake Okeechobee was impacted by four hurricanes during the 2004  
16 and 2005 hurricane seasons; and

17           **WHEREAS,** subsequently, at the request of local community leaders, the  
18 Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District commissioned an  
19 independent, expert review panel to evaluate all U.S. Army Corps of Engineers documents  
20 concerning the structural integrity of the 140 mile-long Herbert Hoover Dike surrounding  
21 Lake Okeechobee; and

22           **WHEREAS,** the report found that the dike does not meet current levee protection  
23 safety standards; and

24           **WHEREAS,** the failure of the dike poses a clear and imminent threat of catastrophic  
25 proportion to the communities surrounding Lake Okeechobee; and

26           **WHEREAS,** the dike was not built to current levee engineering standards and  
27 therefore needs expedited Congressional appropriations to be brought into compliance  
28 with such standards;

