

## RESOLUTION #RES2016-01

### **A RESOLUTION BY THE DUNNELLON CITY COUNCIL, DUNNELLON, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE RAINBOW RIVER SWIM PLAN PRESENTED BY THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT.**

**WHEREAS**, the Rainbow River in southwestern Marion County is a first-magnitude spring system with clear waters and an abundance of fish and wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, the river contains numerous spring vents and represents the fourth largest spring system in Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, because of its natural beauty and aesthetics, the Rainbow River was designated an Aquatic Preserve in 1986 and an Outstanding Florida Waterway in 1987; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing the need to place additional emphasis on restoration, protection, and management of the surface water resources of the State, the Florida Legislature, through the Surface Water Improvement and Management (SWIM) Act of 1987, directed the State's water management districts to "design and implement plans and programs for the improvement and management of surface water"; and

**WHEREAS**, this plan is considered an update of the 2004 Rainbow River SWIM plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Marion County participated within the framework of the Springs Coast Steering Committee (SCSC) Springs Coast Management Committee (SCMC) and Technical Working Group (TWG); and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize that one entity alone cannot do it all, the most important element of this plan is the consensus and partnerships that came together to ensure that this plan takes a much broader approach by identifying management actions and projects from a wide variety of stakeholders; and

**WHEREAS**, this plan is a living document with adaptive management at its core and as such, this plan will be revised periodically to assess overall progress in meeting the quantifiable objectives; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary goal of this SWIM plan is to identify and implement management actions and projects that will address the major issues the system faces and that will restore, maintain, and preserve the ecological balance of the Rainbow River.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Dunnellon City Council, Dunnellon, Florida that;

**Section 1.** The Dunnellon City Council hereby supports the **RAINBOW RIVER SWIM PLAN**, a stakeholder developed, comprehensive plan for the restoration, protection, and management of the ecological balance of the Rainbow River.

**Section 2.** The Dunnellon City Council commends the diverse teams of the Springs Coast Steering Committee, Springs Coast Management Committee, and the Technical Working Group for development of the **RAINBOW RIVER SWIM PLAN** and their commitment to the preservation of this natural treasure.

Duly Resolved the 11th day of January, 2016.

ATTEST:

CITY OF DUNNELLON, FLORIDA

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DAWN M. BOWNE, M.M.C.  
CITY CLERK

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NATHAN WHITT, MAYOR

Approved as to form and legality:

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Andrew Hand, City Attorney