



LEE COUNTY
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

The Board of County Commissioners

RESOLUTION

Whereas: In 1996, the Board of County Commissioners created the Conservation Lands Program, widely known as the Conservation 20/20 Program, to acquire and protect environmentally critical or sensitive land within Lee County; and

Whereas: The Conservation 20/20 Program is a willing seller land acquisition program that only considers the acquisition of environmentally critical or sensitive land from landowners who voluntarily submit an application to the county; and

Whereas: The Calusa Land Trust and Nature Preserve of Pine Island, Inc. (CLT) is a coalition of individuals, families and businesses that work to acquire undeveloped land for preservation, primarily on Pine Island, but also around Lee County and is supported by people who volunteer their time and financial support to protect natural resources; and

Whereas: The CLT has been a close partner with, and tremendous asset to, the Conservation 20/20 Program contributing funding for the acquisition and stewardship of certain nominated lands; and partnering with Lee County staff to restore and manage acquired lands; and

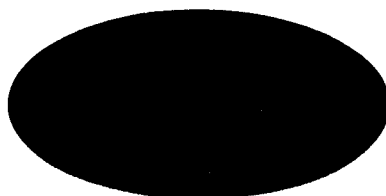
Whereas: The portion of Cayo Pelau Island located within Lee County was nominated to the Conservation Lands (20/20) Program; and

Whereas: The CLT Board of Directors voted unanimously to support the nomination, offer co-management assistance, and offer \$20,000 towards the purchase due to the island's pristine nature and unique diverse habitats; and

Whereas: Lee County closed on the purchase of Cayo Pelau Island on February 1, 2007 with \$20,000 in CLT contributory matching funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the generous contribution to the Conservation 20/20 Program acquisition of Cayo Pelau Island in Lee County made by the Calusa Land Trust and Nature Preserve of Pine Island, Inc.

Duly Executed this 15th day of May, 2007.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Chairman