RESOLUTION NO 10-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARCO ISLAND ENDORSING "PROPOSED RIVER OF GRASS GREENWAY".

WHEREAS, the proposed "River of Grass Greenway" will provide non-motorized transportation access alongside the only open road across southern Florida and the Everglades, one of the world's most unique ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marco Island depends on the Everglades to attract visitors, and for natural resources, therefore adding to the overall quality of life for all City residents; and

WHEREAS, the "River of Grass Greenway" is an unprecedented project that will increase awareness of the Everglades and aid in the process of securing state and federal appropriations and support from the general public to restore, preserve and protect this valuable ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, non-motorized transportation users have less impact on the natural environment; and

WHEREAS, Marco Island access to the proposed ROGG will become available via proposed pathways projects on SR 951 and SR 92, both of which have been placed on the Joint Regional Pathways priority list.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARCO ISLAND, FLORIDA that the economic and environmental importance of the "River of Grass Greenway" project to the City of Marco Island is significant and warrants the full cooperation of this county, tribal, state and federal agencies and private property owners alike.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the desire of this city that access to the entire "River of Grass Greenway" will exist and remain free of charge to non-motorized transportation users in perpetuity.

Passed in open and regular session of the City Council of the City of Marco Island, Florida, this 21st day of June 2010.

Attest:

Laura Litzan, City Clerk

Frank R. Recker, Chairman