

RESOLUTION NO. 01- 14

A RESOLUTION URGING THE REEVALUATION OF THE ENDANGERMENT OF THE MANATEE.

WHEREAS, the Save the Manatee Club, et al, filed a suit against the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for allegedly failing to protect the manatee. The suit was settled in negotiation on January 4, 2001 by adoption of agreements that ignore the rights of waterfront property owners, the boating public, and the economic impact on the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2001 the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission staff conducted a survey of the manatee population that revealed a forty-seven percent increase in population in one year; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is now considering settlement of a parallel suit by the Save the Manatee Club, et al, without adequate consideration of the economic or social impact; and

WHEREAS, these developments impact the rights and welfare of the citizens of this city.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MARCO ISLAND, FLORIDA that the President of the United States is requested to stay implementation of the above agreements until the alleged endangerment of the manatee is properly reevaluated.

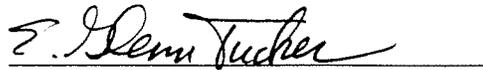
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission be urged to reevaluate the endangerment of the manatee before any consideration of a settlement with the plaintiffs.

Passed in open and regular session of the City Council of the City of Marco Island, Florida, this 16th day of April 2001.

Attest:



A. William Moss
City Manager/City Clerk



E. Glenn Tucker
Chairman