RESOLUTION NO. 11-08

A RESOLUTION URGING THE COLLIER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ADOPT FERTILIZER ORDINANCE REGULATIONS THAT ARE MORE STRINGENT THAN THE MODEL ORDINANCE REQUIRED BY STATE LAW; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO FORWARD A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The City of Marco Island has recognized the detrimental effects of the introduction of excessive amounts of nitrogen and phosphorus into the surface waters of the County, and the local waters, bays and estuaries in and around the City of Marco Island; and

WHEREAS Section 403.9337, Florida Statutes, enacted in 2009, in recognition of the fact that fertilizer application is a major source of these pollutants, requires certain local governments, including Collier County and the City of Marco Island, to adopt an Ordinance at least as protective as the Model Ordinance for Florida-Friendly Fertilizer Use; and

WHEREAS, Nitrogen from slow release fertilizers has been shown to be less likely to run off the land and pollute natural waterbodies; and

WHEREAS, Fertilizer supplemented with phosphorus is unnecessary for most sites located in Collier County; and

WHEREAS, A portion of the pollutants reaching waterbodies in the City of Marco Island originates in unincorporated Collier County, and its associated riverine and estuarine ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, Collier County is considering the adoption of a fertilizer ordinance that would address the adoption of fertilizer within the bounds of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF MARCO ISLAND CITY COUNCIL, that:

Section 1: The City of Marco Island, Florida supports the efforts of Collier County in addressing the fertilizer issue, and in particular requests that provisions that are more stringent than the Model Ordinance be considered and adopted so that the unincorporated and the incorporated areas of the County benefit from protections to the delicate ecosystems within and without the County.

Section 2: The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Collier County Board of County Commissioners.

Section 3: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

This Resolution adopted the 6rth day of June, 2011 after motion, second and majority vote favoring same.

ATTEST:

Laura M. Litzan, City Clerk

MARCO ISLAND CITY COUNCIL
MARCO ISLAND, FLORIDA

Gerard M. Gibson, Chairman

Approved as to Form:

Burt L. Saunders, City Attorney