

RESOLUTION 16-____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOT TO CONSIDER EXPANDING THE PRACTICE OF “HUNTING”, “CATTLE GRAZING” OR “TIMBER HARVESTING” AS POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES ON STATE PARKS; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the newly appointed Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has introduced a plan to increase revenue at State parks by adding hunting, cattle grazing and timber harvesting to a checklist of potential activities for consideration by park planners; and

WHEREAS, this plan will turn all of Florida’s 174 state parks including Oleta River State Park, Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park and The Barnacle Historic State Park, all located in Miami-Dade County, into potential hunting grounds; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cutler Bay’s Town Council wishes to align itself with Florida’s environmental laws and traditions that fully embrace the ideal of preserving nature for nature’s sake; and

WHEREAS, allowing activities such as hunting, cattle grazing and timber harvesting without being properly vetted is in direct contrast with Florida residents and visitor’s perception of the use of State Parks; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to formally express opposition to DEP’s proposal to allow park planners to consider expanding the practice of hunting, cattle grazing, timber harvesting or any other activities that disturb the native landscape and wildlife in our State Parks; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that the adoption of this Resolution is in the best interest and welfare of the residents of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Town Council Opposition. The Town Council opposes plans to allow park planners to consider expanding the practice of hunting, cattle grazing, timber harvesting or any other activities that disturb the native landscape and wildlife in our State Parks.

Section 3. Transmittal. The Town Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the State of Florida Governor Rick Scott, the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

Section 4. Authorization. The Town Manager is hereby authorized to take any and all steps necessary to implement the intent and purpose of this Resolution.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of January, 2016.

Attest:

PEGGY R. BELL
Mayor

JACQUELINE N. WILSON
Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE SOLE
USE OF THE TOWN OF CUTLER BAY:

WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN
COLE & BIERMAN, P.L.
Town Attorney

Moved by: _____
Second by: _____

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

Mayor Peggy R. Bell _____

Vice Mayor Ernest N. Sochin _____

Council Member Roger Coriat _____

Council Member Sue Ellen Loyzelle _____

Council Member Mary Ann Mixon _____