

**PROCLAMATION
OF THE TOWN OF PALM BEACH SHORES
DECLARING 2010 AS THE YEAR OF THE EVERGLADES**

WHEREAS, while early Florida residents may have considered the Everglades a worthless swamp and had legitimate reasons for draining the Everglades, they had little idea of the environmental harm they were doing; and

WHEREAS, the degradation of the Everglades has resulted in the extinction or near extinction of numerous species, including the Florida Panther; and

WHEREAS, the Everglades is now recognized as a unique and extraordinarily important piece of Florida's ecological puzzle, one that must be protected at all costs; and

WHEREAS, the Everglades acts as a back-up water supply for about three million South Floridians since water from the Everglades National Park drains into the Biscayne Aquifer; and

WHEREAS, the Everglades and related natural areas draw visitors from around the world who are fascinated by its remarkable complexity, diversity and uniqueness; and

WHEREAS, the Arthur R. Marshall Foundation is inviting the Town of Palm Beach Shores to proclaim that 2010 be The Year of the Everglades, and invite all citizens to participate in Community Outreach Programs that encourage everyone to become lifelong stewards of the Everglades;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY the Town Commission assembled in regular session this the 21st day of December, 2009, that 2010 in the Town of Palm Beach Shores is hereby proclaimed

THE YEAR OF THE EVERGLADES

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Mayor and the Town Commission of the Town of Palm Beach Shores that this Proclamation, after execution by the Town Commission, be presented to the Arthur R. Marshall Foundation.



Mayor

Date

12-21-2009