

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-20**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER THE WATER QUALITY OF THE CALOOSAHATCHEE RIVER (C-43), SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION BY THE CALOOSAHATCHEE RIVER CITIZENS ASSOCIATION RIVERWATCH (CRCA) AS ONE OF AMERICA'S TOP TEN ENDANGERED RIVERS AND; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of LaBelle Commissioners, (hereinafter the "Commission") recognizes that the Caloosahatchee River is of great economic, recreational, ecological and historic significance to the people of LaBelle, Florida; and,

**WHEREAS**, in recent years the water quality of the Caloosahatchee River has been declining, resulting in algal blooms, unsafe swimming conditions, fewer fish, diminished recreational opportunities, and degraded drinking water supplies for communities along the River; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission acknowledges the great importance of the Caloosahatchee River to both the City of LaBelle and the Southwest Florida Region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Caloosahatchee River will be subject to important decisions to its watershed and other management activities in upcoming years; and

**WHEREAS**, designation of the Caloosahatchee River as an endangered river will focus attention on the needs of our communities for help and support in improving the Caloosahatchee.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA, THAT:**

1. The City Commission supports the nomination of the Caloosahatchee River as one of American Rivers' Top Ten Endangered Rivers by the Caloosahatchee River Citizens Association Riverwatch.

2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** in Special Session this 13<sup>TH</sup> day of October 2005.

**CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA**

By \_\_\_\_\_  
**RANDAL A. BENGSTON**  
**MAYOR-COMMISSIONER**

**ATTEST:**

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**DAVID A. LYONS**  
**CLERK-COMMISSIONER**