

RESOLUTION NO. 2007 - 097

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA RECOGNIZING THE GLADESMAN CULTURE OF FLORIDA AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO EVERGLADES HOLIDAY PARK; OPPOSING ANY RULES OR REGULATIONS THAT WILL CHANGE THE CURRENT ACCESS AND TRADITIONAL USES OF EVERGLADES HOLIDAY PARK; REQUESTING THAT BROWARD COUNTY ALSO RECOGNIZE AND SUPPORT THE PRESERVATION OF THE GLADESMAN CULTURE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Southwest Ranches is a culturally rich and progressive community committed to South Florida's historic rural and recreational open spaces, which preserve lands for the public's enjoyment; and

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes that its cultural heritage is closely linked to the Everglades and the Gladesman Culture; and

WHEREAS, the Town understands the historical significance of Everglades Holiday Park and the importance of the park to the continuation of the Gladesman Culture; and

WHEREAS, changes to access and the traditional uses of the Park would adversely affect the delicate balance of the environment and the Gladesman Culture, which the Park has endeavored to protect; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the Town to recognize and to support the Gladesman Culture by opposing any rules or regulations that may change the current access and traditional uses of the Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida:

Section 1: The above referenced recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2: The Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches hereby fully recognizes and supports the Gladesman Culture as an integral part of South Florida's cultural heritage and legacy inclusive of traditional activities and vehicles utilized in the Everglades.

Section 3: The Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches supports the future operational plans of Everglades Holiday Park continuing its historical access for Gladesmen vehicles such as airboats, motorboats, buggies, Fulltracks, and its traditional activities such as fishing, hunting, frogging, and camping.

Section 4: The Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches recognizes the interdependence of the Gladesmen and the natural systems in and around Everglades Holiday Park and supports future operational plans allowing for the historical 24 hour a day, 7 days a week access.

Section 5: The Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches supports access to Everglades Holiday Park from the improved ramps as well as the unimproved access point on the south side, which Gladesmen vehicles are traditionally launched from, and that these access points should be maintained.

Section 6: The Town Council hereby declares that it will not support any additional regulations or changes to the customary access points and uses of Everglades Holiday Park, and respectfully requests the support of Broward County in this endeavor.

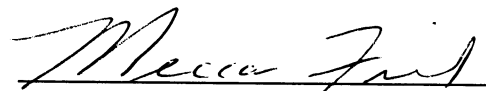
Section 7: That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this 20th day of September, 2007, on a motion by Vice Mayor Don Maines and seconded by Council Member Aster Knight.

Fink	<u>Y</u>	Ayes	<u>5</u>
Maines	<u>Y</u>	Nays	<u>0</u>
Breitkreuz	<u>Y</u>	Absent	<u>0</u>
Knight	<u>Y</u>	Abstaining	<u>0</u>
Nelson	<u>Y</u>		

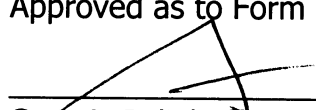
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ATTEST:


Mecca Fink, Mayor


Susan A. Owens, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:


Gary A. Poliakoff, J.D., Town Attorney
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