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**EVERGLADES TRUST THANKS FLORIDA LEGISLATURE FOR COMMITMENT
TO AMERICA'S EVERGLADES**

Statement by Thom Rumberger, Chairman of the Everglades Trust

“The appropriation of \$50 million by the Florida legislature to Everglades restoration will allow this important ecosystem restoration to continue moving forward – creating clean water and protecting the natural resources so important to Florida’s economy. This commitment will help bring down hundreds of millions of federal dollars for projects critical to the Everglades – dollars that will be spent here in the State of Florida.”

“Everglades restoration is a cause supported by countless numbers of Floridians, but today I must single out the hard work of President Atwater, Speaker Cretul, Senator Alexander, Representative Rivera, Representative Cannon, and Representative Hasner. Without their commitment to funding Everglades restoration the momentum of this great project would have been lost.”

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The Everglades Trust, Inc. is a 501(c)(4) corporation created to ensure Everglades restoration is completed on time and on budget. The Everglades Trust is the only watchdog group working solely on Everglades issues. It partners with other environmental groups, state and federal officials, citizens and taxpayers to force polluters to stop damaging these vital environmental resources, to pay their fair share for restoration, and to overcome their well-heeled lobbying efforts to disrupt and delay the restoration process. On the web at www.evergladestrust.org.