RESOLUTION NO. 09-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, STRONGLY OPPOSING THE PORT EVERGLADES ENTRANCE SAND BYPASS PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the city has received notice of an application made to the Florida Bureau of Beaches & Coastal Systems to obtain a permit to modify the inlet infrastructure by constructing a 7.1 acre sand trap on the north side of the Port Everglades entrance channel sufficient to facilitate the economical collection of sand materials that will be available for future mechanical bypassing to the beaches south of the inlet with sand placement along the John U. Lloyd Beach State Park shoreline; and

WHEREAS, the City has grave concerns regarding this proposed project and the negative impacts that are likely to result to the City’s beaches from the creation of this Sand Bypass Project; and

WHEREAS, the project site is bounded by multi-family high-rise condominiums and single family residences to the north and the Atlantic Ocean to the east; and

WHEREAS, the application does not address the short term and long term effects that the project will have on the City’s beaches and residents during both the construction and operational phases of the project; and

WHEREAS, the City’s beach is an economic and recreational asset to the City and its erosion is of great concern; and

WHEREAS, staff and the City Commission have reviewed the information we have received to date on this proposed project and wish to state that it is strongly opposed to further review of this application for a Florida Bureau of Beaches & Coastal Systems permit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida is hereby strongly opposed to the construction of the Port Everglades Entrance Sand Bypass Project.
SECTION 2. That the City strongly requests that the construction of the Segment II beach renourishment project, which includes the City of Fort Lauderdale beaches, be completed prior to any permit being issued for the construction of the Port Everglades Entrance Sand Bypass Project.

SECTION 3. That the City strongly requests that the Florida Bureau of Beaches & Coastal Systems deny the application for the reasons stated herein.

SECTION 4. That a copy of this resolution shall be sent to Broward County & the Florida Bureau of Beaches & Coastal Systems in Tallahassee, Florida.

SECTION 5. That the office of the City Attorney shall review and approve as to form all documents prior to their execution by City officials.

ADOPTED this the 6th day of January, 2009.

Mayor
JIM NAUGLE

ATTEST:

City Clerk
JONDA K. JOSEPH